

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, January 14, 2013

The regular meeting of the Plaistow Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:35 by Jenn Kiarsis.

Present: Jennifer Kiarsis, Chair  
Deborah Hoadley, Vice Chairperson  
Catherine Willis, Treasurer  
Kathleen Vavra, Corresponding Secretary  
Kathryn Morin, Alternate  
Scott Lane, Alternate

Also Present: Diane Arrato Gavrish, Library Director

There was a question as to whether we received the December 10 minutes. Cathy will check and get back to us. A motion was made by C Willis to approve the 1-7 minutes, second by D Hoadley.

Ayes: 3, Nay: 0, Abstentions:1

**Treasurers Report:** Nothing to report

**Correspondence:** K Wright has stated she is resigning from the Board for health reasons. Jenn stated she will not run for another term in March. K Vavra will not run, but would like to serve as an alternate. Cathy is resigning effective in March and neither Kathryn nor Scott will be returning as alternates.

Norm Major has agreed to co-sponsor a bill in the House with Ken Wyler regarding the governing of libraries. He was not fully aware that it is controversial. He spoke with Cathy, who explained the separation of the town and the Library. He will review his involvement. It would not go the House until 3-2014, then must go to the Senate and the Governor, then local. There is a lot of focus state-wide, so it may not go far. We should keep checking the Legislative Calendar.

**Director Diane's Report:** There is some question as to whether groups using the Meeting Room are charging their members. The rules say the meetings must be free and open to the public. Diane will check with Lara to make sure rules are being followed. Diane asked if the staff should be reimbursed for library group memberships. It was determined that if a membership would save a significant amount of money, then we will reimburse.

The mission statement was approved, so it will go on the website immediately. Deb will send out info on the Strategic Plan.

Policy updates- earned time information was never approved, because we were waiting to see how the town handled it. The disability policy also needs to be looked at. They will be topics for the next meeting.

We approved the ten hour a week position and so it will be posted.

Lavallee contract- we will renew, since it looks like the town does not want to take on extra duties.

Candidates Night-Norm Major will facilitate again. Voting Day is 3-12, so perhaps we will hold it some night in February. Diane will ask the Friends for refreshments.

C Willis made motion to adjourn at 7:45, seconded by J Kiarsis.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Vavra