

**MASSAPEQUA PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 7, 2011**

The regular monthly meeting of the Library Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 7, 2011, at 7:45 p.m., in the Bar Harbour building.

Present: Catherine R. Reilly, Vice Chairman
Anthony J. Demasco, Treasurer
Gail K. Kubit, Secretary
John H. Laibach, Trustee
Patricia Page, Director
Maris Job, Assistant Director
Linda Masella, Principal Account Clerk
Jody Brower, Secretary to the Director

Absent: Rosemary Gensler, Chairman (with notice)

Also Present: Ann Marie Nolan, Patron
Elaine Cummings-Young, Reference Librarian

Ms. Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

Ms. Reilly asked Ms. Nolan if she would like to address the Board.

Mrs. Nolan explained that she objects to the art exhibit in the display case in the Bar Harbour lobby that has crosses, one of which has a "Sponge Bob" in the center. She stated that she finds it offensive. The Board advised Mrs. Nolan that they were sorry that she felt that way, but that the Library Board does not censor the art work placed in the Library. Mrs. Nolan explained that she did not think the Board would have allowed a Star of David with Sponge Bob in the center or a crescent moon with the Devil in the middle to be displayed in the Library. The Board stated they appreciated her coming in and expressing her opinion, but they would not remove the exhibit. They said that they would look at the window when the meeting was over. There was discussion regarding past requests to remove books due to subject matter, and the Board again explained that it does not censor material. Mrs. Nolan said she would be interested in finding out the artist's point of view. The Board advised that Mrs. Page would call Mrs. Nolan and provide contact information for the artist so she can call him. The Board advised Mrs. Nolan that they would discuss the issue. Mrs. Nolan left the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

The Board then resumed the normal meeting agenda.

After consideration, on motion by Mr. Demasco, seconded by Mr. Laibach, and

carried, Board Meeting Minutes dated February 10, 2011, were approved with corrections.

After consideration, on motion by Mr. Demasco, seconded by Mr. Laibach, and carried, Voucher No. 2162, dated February 7, 2011, \$23,673.09 (check nos. 25322-25351), signed by Mrs. Kubit, was approved.

After consideration, on motion by Ms. Reilly, seconded by Mr. Laibach, and carried, Supplement No. 1 to Voucher No. 2163, dated February 9, 2011, \$4,777.50 (check no. 25352), signed by Mrs. Kubit, was approved.

After consideration, on motion by Mr. Demasco, seconded by Ms. Reilly, and carried, Supplement No. 1 to Voucher No. 2162, dated February 14, 2011, \$70,219.11 (check nos. 25353-25388), signed by Mr. Laibach, was approved.

After consideration, on motion by Mr. Laibach, seconded by Mrs. Kubit, and carried, Supplement No. 2 to Voucher No. 2162, dated February 23, 2001, \$9,003.89 (check nos. 25390-25404), signed by Ms. Reilly, was approved.

After consideration, on motion by Mrs. Kubit, seconded by Mr. Demasco, and carried, Supplement No. 1 to Voucher No. 2164, dated February 22, 2011, \$4,777.50 (check no. 25389), signed by Mr. Laibach, was approved.

Payroll Voucher No. 2163, dated February 15, 2011, \$123,637.07, wire transfer, signed by Mrs. Kubit, was reviewed.

Payroll Voucher No. 2164, dated February 28, 2011, \$119,468.61, wire transfer, signed by Mr. Laibach, was reviewed.

Director's Report

The Director's Report covering Communications, Buildings and Grounds, Materials and Services, Old Business, Staff Report dated February, 201 and Circulation Reports dated November, 2010, December, 2010 and January, 2011 were reviewed. Copies are attached to these minutes.

I. Communications

A) Mrs. Page spoke to Jackie Thresher as to how NLS would function if not all libraries agreed to contribute. Ms. Thresher said that NLS would practice more stringent economies, and dip further into their surplus.

II. Buildings and Grounds

A) Mr. Laibach reported on the quotes received for the air conditioning units at Central Avenue. We have obtained a quote from Elm for the air conditioning units and now have five quotes. He advised that although they are all very similar, each proposal warranty is different and for different amounts of time. He will make a composite of what the Library wants and have Andy Ernst contact the vendors to see if they will comply. Mr. Laibach also advised that with the current proposals, the condenser would have to be placed on the roof. John-Mansville will have to be contacted to see how this impacts the roof warranty. Mr. Laibach also reported that the pricing does not include running the electricity that would be needed to operate the units. The Board suggested that the Library consider purchasing portable room air conditioners. Mr. Laibach will investigate this.

B) The Library is still awaiting receipt of a proposal to paint the railings at Bar Harbor. Mr. Laibach advised that the painter will be submitting 2 proposals that will include the pricing and warranty information.

III. Materials and Services

A) The Children's Librarians are no longer interested in using the money from the recent bequest for the Early Literacy Computer Stations they were considering. It seems that the libraries that have them were not overly enthused about them. The Librarians are looking into other options.

B) The Board would like to see pricing for 3 and 4 years for the 26 public computers up for renewal July, 2011.

IV. Old Business

A) Mrs. Page is awaiting receipt of sample graphics for the new library cards from Watson Label Products.

V. New Business

A) Mrs. Page advised the Board that the production of the Newsletter with Tobay Printing went very smoothly and the Library will be saving a lot of money due to the vendor change. Jody Brower will look into have the printer process the bulk mailing for the next Newsletter.

B) Jody Brower will check with Mrs. Gensler to confirm the correct days of Rosh Hashanah.

C) The Board would like Margaret Egan to remove Fredeswinda Squicciarini's open position from the Staff Report. The vacant position should be placed on the list of

savings realized by the retirement of the Book Trailer.

D) Regarding the Circulation Report, the Board would like to know if active patrons can be counted more than once. The Board would like to know where these figures come from and what do they mean.

E) Mrs. Kubit reviewed the program statistics and noted that only 3 people attended the February 8th lecture on “How Secure is Your Computer”. She asked if maybe that title should be eliminated.

F) Linda Masella had a question regarding reimbursement to retirees towards their Medicare payments. She wanted to confirm that the Library will not prepay for services in the case of Medicare. The Board agreed that the Library will not prepay for Medicare services.

On motion by Mrs. Kubit, seconded by Ms. Reilly, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

The next Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7:45 p.m. at the Bar Harbour building.

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Catherine R. Reilly, Vice Chairman

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Gail Kubit, Secretary