

## SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

### Annual Meeting

January 27, 2010

Board President Gloria Drucker called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Cantwell Community Room. There were 17 members present. She thanked Pat Wiley and Joy Harvey for providing the refreshments and introduced the 2009 Board Members.

**Agenda** for the meeting was approved on motion by Carol Edmonds/Henry Schwalenstocker.

**Minutes** of last year's annual meeting were approved on motion by Alix Dame/Carol Edmonds.

**Annual reports:** (All reports are also written and included in the Annual Report for 2009 which is attached.)

**Director's report** was given by Betsy Whitefield. Figures show that although total patron attendance is up, total circulation of library materials is down a bit. This is probably due to the popularity of the public access computers and the Wi-Fi system. She called attention to the activities of the past year which are also printed in the Annual Report. Betsy has nearly completed weeding the entire collection which makes it more useful, up-to-date and appealing to the patrons. She thanked Pat Wiley and the library staff for their continued excellent work.

**Membership report:** Gloria Drucker reported that the membership drive brought in \$44,000 last year with over 423 people donating.

**Volunteer summary** was given by Pat Wiley. Nineteen upstairs volunteers donated 1,059 hours in 2009, and twelve Adirondack Room volunteers gave 844.5 hours. Many others were involved in the many activities at the library, including five students who worked for 27 hours. Pat thanked them all. She called attention to the new library pamphlet that is given to new members and thanked Peggy Orman for her work on it. (On file)

**Adirondack Room** report was given by Michele Tucker, Curator. The room continues to be a valuable research source for many. Her written report and financial report are in the Annual Report for 2009.

**Buildings and grounds:** Gloria reported that Jan and Dick Kibben continue to provide valuable service to the library. She thanked them along with Janet Lorenzo who spear-headed a volunteer cleaning crew last spring, Dick Kibben and Ed Scharmer who assembled the new book bank, and Ken Wiley who tends the lawn. A new flower bed was installed in front of the library in memory of Dorothy Meagher, and Gloria was thanked for doing the work on this.

**Outgoing Board Members:** Catherine (Cate) Sutter who resigned in October due to health, Alix Dame and Linda Beirsto. All were thanked and given certificates of appreciation.

**Proposed Trustees:** Nominating Committee presented Donna Fulkerson, 3-year term (to finish Cate's term); Diane Peterson and Adam Brayshaw for five-year terms. Motion to accept the slate was made by Carol Edmonds/Betty Wadsworth and approved.

#### **Other business:**

**Mini Golf:** Board approved this fund raiser to be held April 24 in the library. Peter Benson, chair.

**Winter Book Sale:** Feb 13 and 14.

**Summer Book Sale:** Aug 4-6

**Library website:** Betsy said a new requirement on the NYS Library report is the number of visitors to our website, and we had 18,000 visitors in 2009.

Meeting adjourned 4:33 p.m. on motion by Henry Schwalenstocker.