

SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 8, 2010

Present: Trustees Joan Tyler, Anne Paulson, Carol Edmonds, Gloria Drucker, Donna Fulkerson, Shirley Morgan, Peter Merrill, Adam Brayshaw, Diane Peterson; Library Director Betsy Whitefield; Secretary Marilyn Riotto. Excused: Betty Wadsworth.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Gloria Drucker. Agenda approved on motion by Donna/Diane.

Minutes of the Feb. 18, 2010 meeting were approved on motion by Carol/Shirley.

Director's report: Betsy's report is printed and is one file. Mini Golf Committee is moving right along and has received a \$500 grant from Stewart's and four hole sponsors before the letter asking for sponsors has been mailed. The library now has a blog, thanks to Pete Benson:
<http://slfnybookgroup.blogspot.com/>

Income and Expense report was distributed by Betsy. So far everything is on target. New water meters are being installed by the Village, but she expects no extra expense for the library. Report is on file.

(Anne joined the meeting at 4:05)

Finance Committee: Carol reported that the investment accounts continue to increase, although at a slower pace. She will be meeting with Mr. Cowan soon. Report on file.

Membership Committee: Gloria has written the letter for the campaign and asked for the Board's suggestions or changes. The letter will be mailed the first week of May.

(Joan joined the meeting at 4:10)

Art Committee: Gloria reported that the committee met Feb. 23. Twenty-two pieces are completed, 7 need to be finished, and 4 are in storage. Of those four, the library must keep one and the board may consider the other three for possible sale. The art inventory book will be updated. Donna, Linda Beairsto and Joan will update the bios for the new leaflet.

Policy & Procedures: Adam reported that the committee met Feb. 25. He distributed a by-laws model from the internet and a rough draft of by-laws for the library. Any changes to the library's current constitution must be made at an annual meeting. The by-laws can be changed by a vote of the Board. Following discussion, Adam and the committee agreed to work on constitution and by-laws and submit their proposals to board members at another meeting.

Other business: A for-profit firm, **Wired-not**, has asked our library to sign a letter of support for a Federal Stimulus grant for which they are applying to use libraries to provide a wireless network to tourists in our area. They will sell an "Adirondack One Pass" to enable visitors to use Wi-Fi anywhere in the community. They plan to provide the library community centers with new computers, servers, etc. CEFL and most libraries in the system have signed a letter of support. The library is under no obligation by signing the letter, so consensus was that Betsy should sign it.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, May 10, 2010, 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 5:05 p.m. on motion by Carol/Adam.

Marilyn Riotto, Secretary to the Board