

SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 14, 2011

Present: Trustees Donna Fulkerson, Diane Peterson, Gloria Drucker, Peter Lukens, Betty Wadsworth, Shirley Morgan, Adam Brayshaw, Peter Morrill, Anne Paulson, Director Betsy Whitefield. Excused: Secretary Marilyn Riotto.

President Anne Paulson called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m. Agenda was approved on motion by Gloria/Donna.

Minutes of the January 26, 2011 meeting had not been emailed yet; approve at next meeting.

NYS 2010 Public Library Annual Report: Betsy briefly discussed the report, noting that Adirondack Room information is merged into it. It will be electronically entered into the system, and then the state will put it on line. Approved on motion by Peter L./Betty.

New Business:

Library employee Christy Fontana is asking for reimbursement for insurance deductible and car rental of \$356.69 because of damage resulting from ice falling from the library roof onto her car, smashing the windshield and hood. Request was approved contingent upon receipt of a formal written request from Christy to the board on motion by Gloria/Donna. The need for a warning sign was discussed. Betsy said that First Night attendees were steered wide of the building.

Reading Room Furniture: Betsy said that previously only enough money had been budgeted for the new cushioned chairs. The existing tables and chair sets are very old and one collapsed. She has requested prices from 2 suppliers for 10 Mission style tables and chairs. Money raised from Mini Golf and memorial donations will be used, and May is a target date, before the volunteer reception. A New Furniture Committee: Adam, Donna, and Peter L. will meet with Anne, Betsy, and Pat in March to look at the room.

Old Business:

Anne read a recent letter from Paul Herrmann regarding overhanging tree removal and land issues. The original survey is in the Adirondack Room. Chris Leifheit did a survey in 2003. It needs to be determined whether the 1968 building addition was ever contested as an encroachment. There was an oral agreement on a property exchange for a right of way in 2002, and the board requested but never received it in writing. More information needs to be gathered before acting on Mr. Herrmann's request.

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Gloria/Diane at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Morgan, substituting for Secretary Marilyn Riotto