

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
April 9, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Chair Marjorie Clarke with the following in attendance: Pat McGarry, Karen Berger, Lee Foley, Nina Hansen, Kelly Conway, Kathleen Woolam, and David Drumm from The Friends.

MINUTES: On a motion by Pat McGarry seconded by Carol York, the minutes of March 12 were approved as corrected previously by Kathy Cockcroft.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The report on Library events held in March was reviewed. Circulation Statistics were reviewed and noted as being lower than last year. A motion was made by Carol Merritt seconded by Pat McGarry to accept the Library Director's Report and passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: A letter was received from one of the interviewers who took part in the selection of a new library director expressing thanks for the opportunity. A note was received from Kathy Cockcroft stating that a Patty Vinci was interested in being in the focus group. A communication was received from CAO Paul Fetherston conveying the following policy to take effect immediately: There will be a freeze on all non-essential expenditures until 6/30/2008.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial report as of April 3 was reviewed. The Chair noted that in this time of transition the new director would need our help. A motion was made by Nina Hansen, seconded by Kelly Conway to accept the financial report, and the vote was unanimous.

THE FRIENDS: David Drumm said material is being gathered for the newsletter which would be out by the end of the month. The Crossword Puzzle Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 26.

NEW DIRECTOR: Robert Simon, the new Library Director, will start on Monday, April 14. David Drumm said he would be on hand early that morning to open the Library and receive Mr. Simon at the Friends Monday morning coffee hour and introduce him to those present. Marjorie Clarke felt that a welcoming gift to Mr. Simon would be plant of some kind to be on his desk that day. A public reception for the new director was also discussed and to be held sometime after the May meeting. David said he would ask The Friends about organizing it.

STAKEHOLDERS MEETINGS: The list of Stakeholders invited to the two meetings on April 24 and May 8 was reviewed as to those who could attend both meetings for a total of 14. There were some answers still pending and substitutes to be invited which might include the person interested in the focus group. Marjorie felt that 15 or 20 would be a good number. The details of the place and food for the breakfast meetings were discussed. The Children's room was suggested and food would be purchased. Setup would be the evening before and board members would be needed to help.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Kelly Conway the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Kathleen Woolam
Secretary