

TUFTONBORO FREE LIBRARY MONTHLY TRUSTEE MEETING
Minutes of December 19, 2008

Present: Trustees: Tina Antonucci, Liese Gauthier & Mary Ann Murray
Librarian: Christie Sarles Guest: Peter Tennant, Architect

Meeting was called to order at 3:50 PM

New Business:

Peter was moved to the top of the agenda due to the weather concerns and deteriorating driving conditions. Peter was updated regarding the history of the project. Tina then asked him what the next step is. Peter explained the different approaches and Tina informed him that we were interested in a "design, bid, build process". The design is done and we asked him to draw a small board with the minor changes on the roof line that were made prior to the previous rendering of the large board for Town Meeting.

The next step after approval at Town Meeting would be to meet with the Planning Board to obtain non-binding advice and have a public hearing regarding the financing plans. These are statutory requirements. We should be ready with all the specs by mid July and the bids are needed by September, if we are breaking ground in the fall. He feels this is an ambitious goal but possible if everything goes smoothly. This is a good time to build as people are looking for work and bids should be low. He also felt that the Trustees had done their homework with regard to educating the public.

He will come to the February 12th, 2009 Trustee's meeting and also offered to come to the Town Meeting.

Minute:

The minutes were approved with the following correction by Tina. Under the Treasurer's Report it should read that the Trustees rather than the Selectmen need to accept the overages in donations.

Treasurer's report:

Liese reported that the salary line is close to 93% and may be exceeded. The electric bill may also be over the budgeted amount due to an increase in electric rates. We need to order a rolling cart to close out the equipment and furniture budget.

Librarian's report:

Circulation was down slightly. Christie felt that it was due to the closing on Tuesday November 11. Ronnie LaBranche has been in to do the painting. The storm windows have been installed but we are missing three that needed to be re-done. The money for those three has been held pending installation. Mike Phelps is doing the lighting upgrade.

Old Business:

The Budget Committee approved the 2009 Operating Budget unanimously.

The Friends of the Library meeting of November 20th set the following time table for fundraising for 2009: April: Town-wide Yard Sale, May: Plant Sale, June: 27th Play, July: Book and Bake Sale and Boat Raffle, October, Music Program. The Friends are ready to start a voter education campaign with regard to the Warrant Article for the new building.

New Business Continued:

There was discussion with regard to updating the letter on the web page. It was felt that it needs to be cleaned up and new information included. Terry Smith has offered to update and clean up the FAQ on the web site.

Some discussion centered around the Tuftonboro Forum on the web. Tina offered to take care of posting the correct information for the members of the Forum.

Tom and Barbara Hall have offered to donate a Kindle to the Library. The Kindle is a new technology that can hold up to 60 Titles and each book costs \$10 to load onto the Kindle. The Trustees agreed that we should accept this donation, as often a new book has a long waiting list and the Kindle could be used to shorten the wait time.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM

Next meeting January 8th, 2009

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Murray, Secretary