



**Rye Free Reading Room Board of
Trustees Monthly Meeting Sunday,
January 30, 2011**

Present: Bernie Althoff, Jim Billingsley, Karen Bresolin, Julia Dailey, Doug Donohue, John Eckerson, Ken Foege, Susan Jansen, Debra Julian, Larry Lehman, Anthony Mason, Barbara Omerod-Glynn, Fran Rodilosso, Ann Sullivan, Jennifer Swanson, Werner Tietjen, Mark Zwerger

Jennifer Leahy in attendance as Auxiliary Board Co-President

Unable to attend: Robert Kaplan

City Council Liaison: Paula Gamache was unable to attend

Staff: Kitty Little, Director

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM by Debra Julian. (This is a short meeting held before the Annual Meeting.) Ann Sullivan moved and Anthony Mason seconded the approval of the December meeting minutes. Approval was unanimous.

Public Comment: No comment.

President's Report: Debra announced that Rosanne Cash, country singer, author of the memoir *Composed*, and scheduled guest speaker at the Annual Meeting had to postpone her appearance due to a throat condition.

Debra thanked Ken Foege, who is retiring from the Board for his valuable contributions to the library over the past six years as a trustee and four years as an auxiliary board member. She presented Ken with a thank you gift.

Director's Report: Kitty commented that she has been made to feel very welcome by the community. She has attended that PLDA meeting and a meeting with the WLS Technology staff, as well as begun outreach by attending the Rotary Club meeting. She reported that the library has closed two full days and three partial days due to snow. Debra mentioned that they had discussed developing a snow policy.

Debra and Barbara had also discussed with Kitty additional hours for Teacher in the Library to coincide with midterm and final exam periods. Greenwich extended its closing time from 9 pm to 11 pm using voluntary changes in staff schedules and comp time, not having to pay for any



teachers/tutors in the library. Debra suggested that Women's Club of Rye may be interested in funding as they already underwrite teacher in the library.

Committee Reports

Finance: John reported that the library finished the year \$44,000 under budget. This can be attributed to the two full-time positions that became open in June and July. The endowment fund did well and was up 11 ½ % this year. Silvercrest manages 90% of the fund and the rest is with Fidelity.

The \$60,000 budget transfer from the endowment was made. Half of the city funding arrived in January and was deposited into a money market account. The other half will arrive in June.

Jim Billingsley moved and Karen Bresolin seconded the approval of the November Financial Report. The vote was unanimous.

Mark Zwerger moved and Barbara Omerod-Glynn seconded the approval of the December Financial Report. The vote was unanimous.

Upon reviewing the Capital Projects Fund resolution, Larry Lehman moved and Mark Zwerger seconded the transfer of the \$60,000 cash balance to the Capital Projects Fund. The vote was unanimous.

Development: Jen reported that thanks to late arriving gifts, the Annual Campaign total came in at \$191,7931, slightly more than the \$190,000 goal. In addition, the Development Committee will meet in February and she would like anyone who's interested and has new ideas to attend.

Nominating: Julia reported that Cathy McCordick was no longer a nominee for the Board because she and her family will be moving to Canada.

Auxiliary Board: Jennifer Leahy reported the nomination of two new members to the Auxiliary Board. Karen Bresolin moved and Susan Jansen seconded the approval of Ana Ripp and Callie Erickson. The vote was unanimous.

Building and Grounds: No report

Old Business: None



New Business: Larry Lehman moved and Jim Billingsley seconded the approval of the Corporate Resolution regarding signers on accounts. The vote was unanimous.

Debra reported that the Executive Committee met with Mayor French and Paula Gamache last week to discuss Chapter 414. The City Council is now reluctant to support the vote because they now realize that for the vote to be successful the library would expect the city to continue to fund at least at the level currently funded and they will not be able to absorb the money they no longer would give us in that scenario. In addition, the full operating budget in a Ch. 414 would require a tax increase. In addition, other organizations in Rye are offered longer term IMAs so that may be an avenue for the library to go down through discussions with the city. Debra would like to get copies of other IMAs to see what the city is funding. Members of the Executive Committee were asked to attend the City Council meeting on February 9 to answer questions regarding Ch. 414 if asked.

Next meeting date: Thursday, February 17 at 7:30PM

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Swanson