

**Trustees of the Free Public Library of Lambertville
Minutes of October 9th, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Trustees of the Free Public Library of Lambertville was called to order at 7:36 by Chair Leanne Parks. Present were Treasurer Emily Carone, Secretary Deborah Mercer, Trustee Lorra Hambach, Vice Chair Christine Miller, Director Harold Dunn and children's librarian Jennifer Sirak. Absent was Trustee Alwyn Baskin.

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, it was announced that this was the regularly scheduled October meeting which had been published in *The Beacon* and filed with the City Clerk for posting on the bulletin board in City Hall.

Presentation of Minutes: Minutes of the September 11th meeting were accepted as amended on a motion proposed by Ms. Hambach and seconded by Ms. Carone.

Presentation of Treasurer's Report: Ms. Carone's reports were distributed, including the Cash Flow Report for 9/11/07 through 10/8/07, the Accounts Payable Report for September and the Net Worth Report as of 10/8/07. The net worth report showed a balance of \$50,491.11 in the checking account and \$68,451.87 in the Stryker Fund for a total of \$118,942.98. On a motion by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Mercer and carried by unanimous vote, the Treasurer's Reports were accepted, and Ms. Carone was authorized to continue to pay the library's customary bills.

Correspondence: None received.

OLD BUSINESS

Facilities:

- Stanley Steamer came in and cleaned the first floor carpets.
- Betsy Palilonis continues to paint, most recently the wood work in the downstairs bathrooms.
- The alcove on the second floor has been turned into a reading area.
- A motion was proposed authorizing the expenditure of up to \$8,000 for replacement carpet on level 1, including the removal of shelving and furniture. Proposed by Ms. Hambach and seconded by Ms. Mercer passed unanimously.
- A motion authorized the expenditure of up to \$2000 for a replacement couch for the 2nd floor. Proposed by Ms. Hambach and seconded by Ms. Carone, passed unanimously.

Computers:

- Director Dunn is expecting an upgrade of the DSL service.
- Ms. Hambach requested a written plan for the upgrading of all the library's

computers.

Collections:

- Staff have begun weeding the adult collection

Children's Services

- A motion to authorize the children's librarian to purchase board books for distribution was proposed by Ms. Hambach and seconded by Ms. Miller and passed unanimously.

Friends:

- Trustees considered the request of the Friends to provide staffing for Nickelodeon Nights (paid for with a donation from the Friends). There were questions about liability insurance which will be pursued and a decision made in November.

Staff and volunteer recognition event:

- This event will take place on October 14th from 2 p.m. - 5p.m. So far there have not been many responders.

NEW BUSINESS -

- Motion to expend all library state aid funding for library materials. Proposed by Ms. Mercer, seconded by Ms. Hambach and passed unanimously.
- Chair Parks formed a finance committee comprised of Ms. Carone, Ms. Hambach and Mr. Baskin. They will recommend an accountant for the library at the November meeting.
- Chair Parks formed a referendum committee charged with contacting and recommending a lawyer for the library and creating a message for law signs after consulting with an attorney. This committee will be made up of Ms. Miller, Ms. Mercer and Ms. Carone with Ms. Parks as ex-officio or alternate.

Motion to adjourn at 9:40 by Ms Mercer and seconded by Ms. Miller.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Deborah Mercer