

**DOVER FREE LIBRARY**  
**October 15, 2008**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:00 PM

**Present:** Joanne Blumenthal, Carol Lucas, Charles Wheeler, Louise Severance, Cindy Hubert, John Flores, Judy LaFiura, and Pat Bowen

**Approval of Prior Minutes:** Joanne moved and Carol seconded the motion to accept the minutes of September 19, 2008. The motion carried. Charles moved and Joanne seconded to accept the amended minutes of September 25, 2008. The motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Trustees noted with appreciation Randy Turk's modification to the format of the monthly statements, creating separate lines for capital fund and general fund items. The presentation of the DFL's proposed budget for 2009-10 to the Selectboard is scheduled for November 17 at 12:00 PM at the Town Offices.

**Director's Report:**

- John reported that he had a quote of \$1289.95 for two new computers. Joanne asked if there might be grant money available to pay for these, and asked John to research this. The Trustees agreed that the possibility of a lengthy grant process should not interfere with this purchase, but might be useful for future computer purchases.
- John noted the fact that both Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Thursday, a day when the Library is normally closed. Louise moved that the Library close for the Friday following both Christmas and New Year's Day this year to compensate the staff for the holiday.
- There is a need for more volunteers at the Library. Currently, there are only two regular volunteers.

**Children's Report:** Preschool Story Time continues to be popular. However, the Toddler Twenty program has been suspended due to lack of attendance. Interest will be reassessed in January 2009. Charles suggested that at a later time, the Trustees could look at new offerings for young people at the Library.

**Old Business:** Joanne reported that the Selectboard tabled the recent proposal presented in a letter to the Selectboard by the Trustees to fund the Library in three payments. Trustees agreed not to pursue the suggestion that they approach the Dover Economic Board with this problem, and that for the time being they would table how to gain the first two months' (July –August) operating funds.

**New Business:**

- Joanne announced that she would not be seeking re-election as a Trustee.
- Judy LaFiura and Pat Bowen, respectively Chairman and Treasurer of the Friends of the Dover Free Library were present to respond to a recent letter from the Trustees and to clarify several points. It was clarified that the proceeds of two traditional sources of income, the Dessert Social and the lobby book sale would go directly to the Library. The Library recognizes and appreciates the great efforts of the Friends in managing these two events. The Friends will be notified of the revenue from these initiatives.

Judy discussed the current editing of FoDFL's by-laws. She wanted to clarify the financial relationship between the Friends and the Library. She feels that the preceding discussion answered that question.

Judy also asked that the Trustees support the Friends' events.

- Joanne suggested that the Library and the Friends start thinking about the 2010 Dover Bicentennial celebration.
- Discussion on Library Policies reviewed who may use the library. It was decided to change wording to "under 16" when deciding who must register with a parent or guardian. Regarding unaccompanied children, Charles moved that the policy be revised to state that "Unaccompanied children under 10 may use the library at the sole discretion of the librarian." Louise seconded the motion, which carried.
- John was authorized to purchase a safe for the Library. It was also suggested that meeting notes, reports, etc. should be ready two days before the meeting.

**Next Meeting:** November 12, 2008.

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Joanne Blumenthal, Chairman

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Carol Lucas, Secretary

***These minutes are unofficial. They have not been approved by the Trustees of the DFL.***