

DOVER FREE LIBRARY
December 15, 2008
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM

Present: Joanne Blumenthal, Carol Lucas, Charles Wheeler, Louise Severance, Cindy Hubert, and John Flores

Approval of Prior Minutes: Louise moved to accept the minutes as written. Joanne seconded and the motion carried.

Financial Report: The financial report was accepted as presented.

Director's Report: John reported that circulation had increased approximately 10% this year. Tamara will buy the old computer from the Children's room for its current value of \$100.

Children's Report: Excellent attendance has continued at programs in the Children's room.

Old Business: An extensive discussion on the 2009-2010 budget covered both the previously proposed budget and the revised budget to be submitted to the Selectboard and the Town.

- After an examination of health benefits and costs, the 30 cent per hour wage increase was adopted.
- Trustees decided to submit a budget that does not include the \$15,000 line item for a Reserve Fund.
- Trustees will warn a \$15,000 Reserve Fund to the town with the explanation that the Selectboard has warned the Trustees that the July-August operating funds may not be available in a timely fashion. Trustees note that this is in violation of Vermont law governing public libraries.
- A letter will be sent to the Selectboard regarding funding of the Library prior to its January 6, 2009 meeting.
- Close examination of many line items resulted in adjustments to the proposed budget.
- Trustees are in favor of maintaining the Book and Materials line item at the state minimum of 15%, at least.

New Business: Trustees examined a portion of the report from Efficiency Vermont. They will reexamine the report in detail at the January meeting. Trustees will invite Efficiency Vermont to return to the library so that we may avail ourselves of their services directly, and become a more energy efficient building.

Next Meeting: January 21, 2009.

Meeting Adjourned: at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Blumenthal, Chairman

Carol Lucas, Secretary

These minutes are unofficial. They have not been approved by the Trustees of the DFL. Corrected minutes will be available at the Library after the next regularly scheduled Trustees meeting.