

**Wellesley Free Library
Board of Library Trustees
Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2009
Arnold Room**

Present: Amanda Henshon, Chair; Ann Howley, Vice-chair; Ann- Mara Lanza, Secretary; Mary Ann Cluggish, Marla Robinson, Beth Sullivan Woods, Trustees; Janice Coduri, Director; Helen Charbonneau, Elise MacLennan, Assistant Directors.

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 am.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS (addressed out of agenda order)

1. Budget 2011

The Sunday opening budget was recalculated, and the resulting gain was \$3,602.00.

The Trustees observed examples of mended books and discussed what the cut to Preservation will mean for the long term. They considered a number of different options, including reopening the Staff Association contract. Based on the complexity of that undertaking, and the improbability of the membership agreeing to rethink salary increases to save the position, the Trustees decided not to initiate contract renegotiation. The Trustees agreed that although recycling and preservation is desirable, it is a relatively low level priority considering the opportunities for resource sharing and the affordability of replacing items through online providers.

Mary Ann moved (Beth seconded) to approve the total tax impact budget of \$2,087,873 for FY2011, with \$6,616.00 devoted to the preservation of Library materials. The motion was approved unanimously.

Janice informed the Trustees that an update concerning consolidation of services and a possible contract for Inter-Library Loan at the Regional level is not expected until late February or early March 2010.

2. Chart of Library spending

The Trustees reviewed a number of pie charts illustrating the sources of funds for the Main Library, and conveyed their thanks to Ann-Mara for her efforts on this project.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Ethics Training

Ann-Mara acquired and read the full text of the law and discovered that Library Volunteers are exempt from the online training, including those who are appointed (rather than elected) to serve on committees or focus groups.

2. Role of the Executive Committee

Janice distributed the recently updated version of this document.

3. Distribution of gifts to date in this fiscal year

The Board members examined the list of gifts received in FY2010 thus far.

ADJOURNMENT

Marla moved (Beth seconded) to adjourn at 10:30 am. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next meeting of the Wellesley Free Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12th, 2010, at 9:15 am in the Arnold Room.

Submitted by Elise MacLennan, 12/21/09