MINUTES OF PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Present: Mary Beth Verry, Reni Conte, Don Gates, Frank Herschede, Wilbur Cobb, Douglas Rendell

Absent: Mike Hagan, Julie Curtis, T Frank Tyrrell, Jr.

Call To Order: The March 17, 2010 Library Trustees meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Mary Beth Verry.

There were not citizen comments. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mary Beth Verry.

Secretary’s Minutes: Don Gates moved to accept the minutes of the January 20, 2010 meeting. Reni Conte provided the second. Passed without opposition.

Chairperson’s Report:

Chairperson Verry informed that Board that she, Wilbur Cobb, Suzanne MacLeod, and Doug Rendell attended the meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday March 16, 2010. Chairperson Verry gave an overview of the proposed FY 2011 budget and then Chairperson Verry and Doug Rendell answered questions from the Board. Chairperson Verry felt it was a very positive meeting.

Chairperson Verry reminded the Board of the upcoming Trustee/Staff dinner on April 8, 2010. Board members are asked to RSVP to Doug Rendell. The dinner will take place at the Senior Center. Hallie Ephron will be the guest speaker. She has written six books of psychological suspense and is an award-winning book reviewer for the Boston Globe.

Chairperson Verry indicated that the library sign on Sylvan Street needs to be repainted when the weather gets better. The Library has received a bid from Gary’s Painting to repair the sign. The bid was for $150.00. Reni Conte moved that the bid from Gary’s Painting be approved. Wilbur Cobb seconded. Passed without opposition.

Chairperson Verry indicated that the 501C3 application for the Friends of the Library has been approved.

Chairperson Verry indicated that the second state aid payment from the MBLC is expected at the end of April. She expects that this payment will be approximately $13,000.00

Chairperson Verry and Douglas Rendell presented a revised FY 2011. This budget reduces the proposed 4.96% increase to an increase of 4%. The school department has also reduced their budget increase to 4%. Reductions were made in the salary,
audiovisual, book, and periodical line items. This $11,000.00 reduction should have no impact on our state aid eligibility.

Wilbur Cobb moved to accept the revision. Don Gates seconded. Passed without opposition.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Treasurer Don Gates distributed the financial report. There was nothing major to report. He indicated that Carlie Dugan from Danvers Savings would attend next month’s meeting to discuss the library investments.

**Report of the Lyceum Committee:**

Kathy Lopes reported on the two programs that were held in February. The Valentine’s Party was well attended (85+) and the Brick Party was at capacity. Creations from the Brick Party are on display in the display case outside of the children’s room.

**Report of the Building and Grounds Committee:**

There were some leaks in the building as a result of the rain and wind storm of March 13 – 15, 2010. Some repairs will have to be made but there was no major damage.

**Director’s Report:**

Mr. Rendell had no additional comments beyond the written report which he submitted to the Board.

**Adjournment:** Wilbur Cobb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Reni Conte seconded. Passed without opposition.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 21, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas W. Rendell
Library Director