

Willimantic Public Library Board Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Attendance: Chairman J. Ayer, E. Jenkins, B. Lacey, T. Perch, O. Kurnyk-Ezis and L. Lambert, Secretary.

Citizens attending: Jean Jakoboski and Cate Grabarek, members of WPL Friend's Assoc.

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m.

Acceptance of Minutes:

January 2012 minutes were approved with a few revisions.

Citizens and delegations:

J. Jakoboski and C. Grabarek of the Friend's of the library group attended to give an update on the 'Friend's group' and to inquire as to what happened to their book sale shelves? They explained that one person was on vacation for a month and thought that another member was taking care of business. Unfortunately, they weren't and the shelves were in disarray. T. Perch couldn't get in contact with anyone and so he cleaned up the area. The board expressed concern about communication between the 'Friend's group' and the director and suggested more open lines. Specifically, more frequent updates to the Board from the 'Friend's group' as well as better communication with staff members. Both sides pledged to try harder.

Old Business:

J. Ayer-Chairman updated the Board on the status of communications between the Windham Center and Gilford Smith Libraries. There was board discussion on ways to better communicate with both boards, to form a joint venture together. J. Ayer will follow through with these recommendations.

Reports:

Adult Department:

Board discussed the upcoming budget meeting, and points to get across to the Council. Additional discussion was on T. Perch's retirement and forming a search committee to begin the process of hiring his replacement.

Children's Department:

Report wasn't submitted at this time.

New Business:

There was continued discussion on forming search committee for the director position. J. Ayer volunteered to contact D. Muirhead –Personnel Director for some direction on this matter and get back to the Library Board with suggestions.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted March 25, 2012

By, Laura L. Lambert MS –Board Secretary