

Willimantic Public Library Board Minutes

Date: March 29, 2011

Attendance: Judd Ayer, Chairman, Jean Jakoboski, Olga Kurnyk-Ezis, Ted Perch

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

*There were no reports.*

*Old Business*

Budget. Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm is the Board of Finance meeting. Ted will do a short presentation on the budget needs and citizens can talk for 2 minutes each at this meeting. The book budget is in question at this time. A high circulating section in the library is the health section, the 600's. Up-to-date information is a necessity for the library to have validity. Another example is travel books. People come into the library expecting the information they find is correct. It is currently not feasible to reduce the book budget.

Board Policies will be examined at the April meeting.

Letter. Letter was completed indicating our desire to co-operate with Town agencies and government.

*Friends of the Library*

35 people attended the March program with Jim Dina who built his own canoe using primitive tools and then went up the Connecticut River. We received \$28 in donations at this event. In April we will have a program on the Titanic. We continue to receive money from the ongoing book sale in the library lobby.

*New Business*

Fund Raising. The library has applied for a \$19,000 technology grant from the Praxair Corporation. It is a company headquartered in Danbury that makes funding available to public libraries in Connecticut. The Friends are seeking a unique annual fund raising event.

Three Libraries. We would like to get together with all three Windham Libraries. It is not clear yet how to do that. We could have a public art event together, or a fundraiser.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Jean Jakoboski, 3-31-2011.