

## Willimantic Public Library Board Minutes

Date: May 24, 2011

Attendance: Judd Ayer, Chairman, Jean Jakoboski, Olga Kurnyk-Ezis, Ted Perch, Laura Lambert, Barbara Lacey, Elsie Jenkins.

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

### Introductions

Elsie Jenkins was welcomed to the Board. Elsie is retired from serving many years as Director of Otis Library in Norwich.

### *Director's Report*

- 1. Security problems. We are not sure if the April break in was someone hiding in the building after closing or someone breaking in from the outside. The building is vulnerable to entry and at times we work with a population of difficult people. Benches have been removed from the front of the building. The Town has agreed to set aside money, approximately \$10,000, to set up a better security system. This amount was determined from previous research on what is needed.*
- 2. Neil Mesick has resigned from the Board.*

### The Three Libraries

Judd had a fruitful meeting with Ted Light and Dave Colwell from Windham Center and South Windham Libraries. Some proposals were that the three directors meet every other month or so and twice a year all three Boards could meet. There was some discussion of a joint venture table at Third Thursdays. The Children's Departments of all three libraries already are working well together. There was talk about creating a document of interest from each library, not an agenda. There is interest in a possible joint project, Guilford Smith would like a place for programming, and getting a building with all three libraries backing it and have input is another possibility for a focus. Also, having meeting rooms and having display space for historical documents is needed, having a common card and looking into what the town needs are other possible concerns.

A decision was made to meet in the Mill Library on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Judd will first check with the other two libraries to see if this date works for them. The cost of \$75 (we pay \$25) was approved by the Board. This meeting place would be a neutral spot.

The three libraries have a shared catalog after this week.

### Staff Appreciation

We would like to have a Staff Appreciation Day on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, time to be decided later. Olga will check with Gail on June 16<sup>th</sup> about the best time. Olga will bring cold cuts, sandwiches,

punch. We will also have gift cards. Elsie will bring desserts, Jean tabouli. There will be 10 or 11 staff.

#### Nominations

Judd was nominated for President, Laura for Secretary. Ted will check with Dennis Cronin about the VP position. Town Policy is that three unexcused absences gets you off a Board. Voting will be done in June meeting. Board will not meet in July and August.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Sincerely,

Jean Jakoboski, Secretary

Respectfully submitted 6/20/2011.