

**Hudson Library Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 21, 2010**

Call to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance led by Arlene Creeden

Attendance: Trustees Connie Owen, Arlene Creeden, Scott Slattery, Linda Kipnes, and Robin Rodgers, Library Director Toni Weller

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

Board Minutes from March 17, 2010 – Motion by Linda Kipnes, Second by Scott Slattery. Accepted.

Non-Public Minutes from December 16, 2009 – Motion by Arlene Creeden, Second by Linda Kipnes. Accepted.

Public Minutes Meeting re Patron Request from January 28, 2010 – Motion by Arlene Creeden, Second by Linda Kipnes as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was accepted and put on file for audit.

**Correspondence:**

Information from the town attorney stated that the age of issuing Library Cards without parental consent was up to the discretion of the Board. The State Statue does not give guidance as to age. They recommend sending home a form for parent to sign for children under the age of 18.

A memo from Steve Malizia the Town Manager stated that the Library Board does not have to make the decision about Impact Fees. He sent the information to the Planning Board and we will wait to hear from them.

An invitation to attend a Trustee Seminar in Concord on June 3 was received. Several Trustees will attend.

**Chairman's Report:**

Chairman Connie Owen spoke about research into organizing a Library Foundation later this year. She talked with Elaine Brody who will look into it for the board and has sought sharing of information from other libraries.

A Trustee orientation was held at the Library with Connie Owens, Toni Weller and Robin Rodgers present.

The Town is holding its annual Ice Cream Social on May 6, 2010 at the Community Center. Connie sought the number of Trustees attending to pass along the number of to Selectman Massey.

Betsy Martel, Children's Librarian was welcomed and gave a short report of her duties at the Library. She was enthusiastic about her position which she has held for 4 and half years here in Hudson. Some of her duties include: running 12 programs per week with attendance of 15 to 18 children in each. The Headstart program at Hills Garrison come for story time once a month as well as the four first grades. The summer reading program and reader advisory is very successful. This years summer theme is "Make a Splash – Read." Part of her time goes to shelf read and keeping the books in order. She maintains the Children's Website and inventories the collection. A very successful Poetry Contest with over 400 participants was recently held. Basically Betsy loves her job and is doing it very well. She and some of her volunteers made "Volunteers Rock" packages and gave them to the Trustees as a thank you gift.

**Director's Report:**

In addition to Toni Weller's report she stated that circulation is way up and they did a door count last week with an average of 380 patrons entering the Library each day. She also confirmed that a new light has been installed behind the circulation desk and the staff is very appreciative of it. Also, the new approved text for the overdue books will go out with this months billing.

**Donation:**

Treasurer Arlene Creeden moved to accept donation for the month of March that 32 books, 2 dvd's, and 34 cd's. The motion was adopted with thanks to all who donated.

**Friends of the Library:**

Linda Kipnes reported that the Friends will be holding a fund raiser at Barnes and Noble on May 13, 2010 with many activities planned. Flyer's and vouchers for the event are available at the Library. Book Fair ID # 10179901 should be used on that day, with extended days for on line shopping nationwide. Also, Second Hand Prose will be open on May 8 and 9, 2010 including a magazine swap. The Friends will hold their election of officers at their May

18, 2010 meeting.

**Nomination of Officers:**

Connie Owen	Chairman
Scott Slattery	Vice Chairman
Arlene Creeden	Treasurer
Robin Rodgers	Secretary
Linda Kipnes	Board Member
Shawn Jasper	Selectman Liaison

See attached Committee Assignments

**47 Ferry Street Property:**

Four members of the Trustees met with the Selectmen about the property at 47 Ferry Street. The Selectmen requested a decision from the Trustees as to whether we would like to handle the sale of the property or allow them to continue the sale process. Under unanimous vote maintained te status quo with the Selectmen selling the property. Connie will send a letter to Steve Malizia and Chairman Ken Massey in the morning.

**Hills Memorial Library Building:**

Linda Kipnes hosted a round-table meeting open to Hudson citizens to discuss what to do with the Hills building. About 14 people attended. Many ideas were talked about including a Senior Center, a Welcome Center, and the most popular a Genealogy Center. Superintendent of Schools Randy Bell offered a proposal to house an alternative high school at the site. His plan raised concerns about the feasibility of maintaining the integrity of the building. In the interim, Robin Rodgers that Mr. Bells' plan was withdrawn, Robin spoke with Mary Ellen Ormand and she proposed a Conference Center. The Board was interested in that and Robin will have Mary Ellen call Linda to set up a meeting with the committee to hear more of her proposal. The HML Sub-committee will meet and come up with an action plan.

**Unsung Heroes:**

Scott Slattery said he was all set and just needed a date. Suggestions for content of the celebration will be shared with the Trustees. The Board agreed to June 6, 2010, the Anniversary of the Dedication.

**Library Logo:**

Robin Rodgers said she had an artist who could do the job, but would possibly need to be paid. It was agreed that she should look into and inform the board as to cost and time frame. The BOT want something simple that can be easily enlarged or decreased in size.

**New Business:**

**Bonding**

Arlene Creeden made a motion with Scott Slattery seconding. "I move that the Town of Hudson list the Library Trustees Treasurer and Chairperson as bonded members in the Local Government Center Property -Liability LLC." Actual bonding rate to be determined. Motion passed unanimously.

**Cy Press:**

The Trustees of the Trust Fund have filed a motion that the Alfred Hills and Jessie Norwood Hills Trusts must be changed to a Rodgers Trust in order to be in full compliance with the governing board. Therefore they have presented a cy press petition to be in compliance. There is a \$5,000 price tag for this to be accomplished. Connie Owen will investigate who is responsible for that payment. More to follow.

There was discussion of whether there should be a modification of the Community Room Policy. No changes will be made at this time.

Public Input from Leo Bernard thanking the Library for providing space for the Recycling Display Board.

**Library Trustee Alternate:**

This item was tabled at the March meeting and will stay on the table for the time being.

**Trustee Comments:**

**Arlene Creeden** – She made a motion seconded by Scott to allow the GFWC to hold their annual Yard Sale on the grounds of the Hills Library during Old Home Days. All agreed.

She commented that it was great to see so many people using the library, she said one patron approached her to say

there was no parking one night and that he went so he just went home. Parking may be a future issue. She thanked the staff and encouraged all to support the summer reading programs.

**Linda Kipnes** – She wished everyone a Happy Earth Day and said that the Green Team invited everyone to enjoy a movie at the Library on May 28, 2010 entitled “Garbage.”

**Scott Slattery** – Scott attended the Annual Soup Kitchen Road Race along with Linda and had a great time. He encourages everyone to “Get Involved.”

**Connie Owen** – She welcomed the new officers and was excited to have such a dynamic team to work with. She also thanked Toni and the staff for providing such great services. “I am delighted with my “Rock.”

**Toni Weller** – Please check the website regularly for new programs.

**Robin Rodgers** – No comment.

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 19, 2010. 7 p.m. In the Board of Selectman's Meeting Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robin Rodgers, Secretary