

**WEBSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MINUTES
January 12, 2011**

Present: Peter Knapp, Roxanne Emler, Mary Alice Moore, Terri Bennett, Lisa Scibetta
Absent: Annemarie Santoro, Don Lewis, Carol Cooper,
Guests: Valerie Eaton

Peter Knapp, President called the meeting to order at 7:08.

The December board minutes were reviewed Lisa moved and Roxanne seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Discussion followed regarding the wording of the financial report regarding a motion. The minutes were amended. Mary Alice moved and Lisa seconded the motion to accept the minutes as amended. The minutes as amended passed unanimously.

Friends of WPL Report: Valerie Eaton reported that the Friends had donated \$43,000 in 2010. This money is used outside of the operating budget for items such as a cushioned bench surrounding the center wall in the atrium and much needed additions to the library collection. Monies also will be spent in the development of a new website. A committee is working on a slate of officers to be presented at the annual meeting on March 20.

Many thanks to the Friends for their dedication and hard work to help make Webster Public library one of the best in the county.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Terri sadly reported the death in December of a beloved staff member, Anna Gavin and the death of the husband of another staff member. Financial news is again glum. MCLS has a shortfall of \$1.2 million from the state. The WPL may close the year in the red due to our LSA monies of \$10,000 not arriving as of yet. Greg Benoit was featured in a piece on YNN discussing eBooks. Greg was thoughtful in his comments and did the WPL proud. Statistics provided by Overdrive show that 14580 area code was the second most active in downloading eBooks and audio books in 2010. Terri reported that Webster circulation for November 2010 was up 4,954 or 8% thus keeping our staff very busy.

FINANCIAL REPORT: In her absence Carol left a detailed treasurer's report to be reviewed. December bills totaled \$10,780.79. Mary Alice moved and Roxanne seconded a motion for the paying of the bills. The board voted unanimously to approve the paying of the bills. Fee revenue for December 2010 amounted to \$6,440.10. Fee revenue for the year to date 2010 equaled \$111,719.96 or 4.30% more than last year. The Edward Jones account was liquidated on Dec. 21, 2010 and the proceeds of \$14,186.17 were deposited in the HSBC Special funds account.

Don Lewis and Lisa Scibetta, the nominating committee, developed the slate of officers for 2011. Lisa announced the slate of:

President: Peter Knapp
Vice President: Roxanne Emler
Secretary: Lisa Scibetta
Treasurer: Carol Cooper

Roxanne made a motion to accept the slate as presented and Mary Alice seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

New Business: Terri introduced a proposal which had been developed by Olivia Durant and Elizabeth Kwiatkowski. The proposal would make the Teen Lounge into a more inviting, friendlier space while incorporating technology necessary for school projects and recreational purposes. Additional proposals will be considered at the next meeting.

Terri reviewed the Public Library types in New York State in a power point presentation.

At 8:30 Roxanne moved and Lisa seconded and the board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 9, 2011

**Respectfully submitted,
Mary Alice Moore**