

# TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

## Public Library Board of Library Trustees

### Minutes of Meeting June 25, 2003

#### Meeting held in the Provincetown Police Station

**Members Present:** James Cole, Chair; Marcia Fair, Vice-Chair; CJ Noyes, Secretary; Anita Berman (departed at 6:05pm), Arthur Pike

**Others Present:** Debra DeJonker-Berry, Library Director

**Call to Order:** James Cole called the meeting to order at 5:18 pm.

1. **Public Statements:** There were none.
2. **Minutes:** Anita Berman moved and Arthur Pike seconded the motion to approve the June 4 minutes. The vote was 5-0 in favor of approving them as submitted.
3. **Building Committee:** Marcia Fair reported on the Board of Selectmen's meeting where the contract was approved. Jim Cole expressed gratitude for Keith Bergman and David Guertin's efforts. Debbie DeJonker-Berry reported on her and David's meeting with Scanlan and has scheduled a preconstruction meeting with the architects and DPW on Friday at 1 pm. She expects the Notice to Proceed to be forthcoming. Debbie also met with the project manager, Craig Gabri. Ron Jones will be the superintendent, and David Guertin may be clerk of the works for at least four months.
4. **Library Director's Report:** Debbie has given sets of plans to the contractors and to MBLC. She reported that the Mass Historic grant for assistance with returning the belfry looks promising. She said that MBLC will release money thirty days after the Selectmen vote to approve the contract, and that the architect & David will hammer out the construction contract.
  - a. The Director has hired new staff—four of the nine applicants—Nancy Sirvent and Mary Smith at 10hours/week; Martha Hyams, the former VMS librarian, and Andrew Aull, a long-time volunteer will work a few hours each; and Linda Schlechter will do Story Hour. As a result of these hires, the new hours will include Sundays year-round, and Debbie hopes to be open till 4pm on Saturdays.
  - b. The Library has purchased a third Gates computer for the Children's Room which doubles as a fast computer for staff use. Debbie said that the ALA lost its court case which means that the Board must reexamine internet policies with regard to filtering or risk losing E-rate and LSTA monies. CLAMS has already said that it will not filter and will turn down E-rate money. Debbie requested a separate meeting to consider the ramifications of the policies.
5. **Capital Campaign Committee:** Marcia Fair reported an increase of \$10,000 in pledges. The committee is putting together an advisory group, and has made major gift solicitations. The next meeting is July 1. Nancy Sirvent has agreed to be Vice Chair, and Gerry Brennan resigned owing to a heavy workload. Marcia reported on giving trends noted in the Chronicle of Philanthropy: individual giving is down by .9% and foundation giving by 2.7%. The proposed elimination of inheritance taxes will be a blow to fundraising efforts, and a \$6b, or 22-37% decrease is anticipated. Debbie said that Don't Panic and Karoo Café have donation cans at their checkouts. Marcia will talk to Michael Kacergis about getting a steel can in front of the Library.
6. **Other Business:** Anita Berman reported that Jay Critchley will get a date from Donna Roll, perhaps 8/23. Marcia Fair said the Packard Gallery Reception will be September 5, and the Jewelry Sale, August 31. She requested that the Trustees get business cards for their fundraising calls. Jim Cole said Maghi Geary will meet with Loretta LaRoche in mid-July about a mid-September concert. Debbie said there will be a Book Sale on immediately prior to the Jewelry Sale.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is Wednesday, July 16 on internet policy. The next regular meeting is Wednesday, August 13. Both are at 5:15pm in the Police Station Conference Room.

**Adjournment:**

Arthur Pike moved and Marcia Fair seconded the motion to adjourn at 6:41pm.

The vote was 4-0 in favor.

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Provincetown Library Board of Library Trustees members present at their meeting on September 17, 2003

Respectfully submitted:

Carol Noyes \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_  
Library Board of Library Trustees signature Title

Minutes prepared by Sheila McGuinness, On-Call Secretary