

minutes

| Avon Public Library | | |
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| 01.20.2009 | 7:30pm | Avon Library: History Room |
| Meeting called by | Mary Suter | |
| Type of meeting | Monthly Meeting | |
| Attendees | Mary Suter, President; Jeffrey Ratner, Treasurer, Tad Kuziak, Secretary; Donna Miller, Library Assistant Director; Barbara Leonard, Friends; Carl Sauerbrunn, Angela Scott-Henderson, Pamela Moore and John Healy | |
| Guest | Julie Styles, Technical Services & Collection Development Manager | |
| Absent | Leonard Oremland, Vice President; Ruth Timme, Secretary, and Jeffrey Becker | |
| Minutes for January 20, 2009 Board Meeting | | |
| Discussion | The minutes review ended with unanimous approval as written. | |
| Treasurer's Report | | |
| | Jeffrey Ratner, Treasurer | |
| Discussion | The December review noted the Mitnick income was down and we can expect to receive \$7K less than last year. | |
| Librarian Report | | |
| | Donna Miller, Library Assistant Director | |
| Expansion Update | Donna and Ginny are working to update the Library's web page and revise expansion news. A new survey to be distributed to residents is being drafted. | |
| Activites | <p>Patron count was up, circulation shows a small increase indicative of the economic times we are in. Increases are seen in;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Free access to the internet vs home access. - Using the DVD lending library vs Blockbuster - Free wireless access using their own laptop - Patrons telling staff they have stopped buying books - Increase in job searches | |
| Random acts of kindness | Patron Mark Richardson is buying library tote bags, over 50 to date, and asking the staff to hand them out to people needing a lift. The recipients as well as the staff have appreciated the gifts to everyone involved. | |
| Programs & Services | <p>Vita Tax assistance program is back.</p> <p>Connecticut Education Network: Router failure that might have propagated to AFPL causing a day long effort troubleshooting and recovering from the dropped service. The t-v was set up so that patrons and staff would watch the inauguration. That and a ceiling leak behind the reference desk made Jan. 20 challenging. Library systems: Julie shared the potential of open source library systems and shared her controlled enthusiasm for its potential as it is in the neonatal stage.</p> | |
| Friends Report | | |
| | Barbara Leonard, Friends | |
| Discussion | The 700-member mark was passed. Paperback books continue to fly off the rack, indicative of the times we are in. A town wide Friends' Letter in April is recommended: Share the status of the library project and aid in driving enthusiasm for the May book sale. The Board discussed and approved sharing the cost to create and distribute the expanded newsletter. | |
| President's Report | | |
| | Mary Suter, President | |
| Old Business | Mary led a discussion on prudent investment options. The Board agreed with checking local banks (Webster, Simsbury, Farmington, CBT, Peoples) to determine current CD rates. Capital preservation continues to be the top priority. | |
| 2009 Board Schedule | The Board reviewed the 2009 meeting dates and approved the schedule. The Town requested the schedule be made on an annual basis and posted on the web site noting the Freedom of Information Act. Minutes are to be posted to the website as well. | |
| Library Calendar | | |
| January 26 th | Public Hearing on referendum | |
| February 5 th | Town Council Meeting | |
| February 10 th | Regular Library Board Meeting | |
| February 26 th | Referendum vote on AMS roof & Town Clerk vault | |
| February 28 th | Budget Workshop with the Council | |