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Avon Public Library	
10.20.2009	7:30pm
Avon Library: History Room	
Meeting called by	Mary Suter
Type of meeting	Monthly meeting
Attendees	Attendees: John Healy, Ruth Timme, Secretary, Jeff Ratner, Treasurer, Tad Kuziak, Mary Suter, President, Sue McCabe, Barbara Leonard, Friends rep, Virginia Vocelli, Library Director
Absent	Absent: Jeff Becker, Leonard Oremland, Angela Scott-Henderson, Jane Brody
Past minutes	
June Minutes	
Discussion	Tad's conscientiously done minutes were reviewed and approved. Pamela Moore finished her first term and resigned from the Board.
Treasurer's Report	
	Jeffrey Ratner
Report	Grant money was received for the Lost Boys Event, which was a great success. The Library received an additional check from the Mitnick Trust in compliance with year-end tax requirements.
Librarian Report	
	Virginia Vocelli
Circulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Circulation is up 3% from last year as are audio book checkouts. Patrons expressed frustration with cutback in Sunday hours.
Programming (Adult)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o "Lost Boys Event" was the months highlight thanks to Tina Panik and Patrice Celli. This was a community-wide effort as the schools, senior center, and Friends all coordinated their efforts. o Other adult program- Lou Gehrig, mystery authors, Social security, music programs, etc. were attended by a wide range of the town's populace.
Children's Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o A variety of programs ranging from Story Time, book discussions, teen programs, chess club and much more, are underway for the fall.
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Avon day and high school sign up for library card were successful.
Continuing education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Development opportunities for the staff have been short changed due to the budget constraints, but some opportunities are being met.
Friends' Report	
	Barbara Leonard
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The annual literary luncheon with Chris Bohjalian was very successful with 150 participants. o Membership drive has 520 members thus far but with increased contributions. Thank goodness for Barbara Leonard and Tom Mitchell! o LEAP - The letters to residents encouraged many volunteers to help with fund-raising, communications and events. In fact, six people held signs throughout the October 22nd referendum day.

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President's Report	
	Mary Suter
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Expansion project- The September 21st public meeting was well done, but not well attended. Concerns revolved around the \$200-250,000 annual increase in operating expenses.○ Fundraising: In the fund raising organization chart a box was added for the Treasurer. Mary will provide the chart to the Town council on the 23rd. Mark Nolan is the chairperson. Lisa House, Lou Dibacco and Lisa Panczer will help them with marketing. Campaign will begin in January 2010 and is estimated to last a year and a half.
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Personnel changes: Karen McNulty, the children's librarian, will retire February 1st.
Budget Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The 2010-2011 budget will be finalized following the referendum. It will include a proposal to reclassify one position. The book budget needs to regain what it has lost. Budget reductions during the current fiscal year are being discussed.
VFW	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Plaque consideration for Avon MIA will be evaluated after expansion.
Library Calendar	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. November 17, regular meeting of Library Board.2. November 19,20,21- Friends Holiday Boutique and Book sale3. December 8, Phil Schenck's retirement party.
Next Board meeting: November 17 at 7:30 pm	