

# Minutes

| Avon Public Library                        |  |                            |
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| 04.21.2009                                 | 7:30pm   | Avon Library: History Room |
| Meeting called by                          | Mary Suter   |                            |
| Type of meeting                            | Monthly Meeting  |                            |
| Attendees                                  | Mary Suter, President; Tad Kuziak, Interim Secretary; Virginia Vocelli, Library Director; Donna Miller, Library Assistant Director; Barbara Leonard, Friends; Jeffrey Becker; Carl Sauerbrunn, Angela Scott-Henderson, Pamela Moore, John Healy, and Jane Brady  |                            |
| Absent                                     | Jeffrey Ratner, Treasurer, Leonard Oremland, Vice President; Ruth Timme, Secretary   |                            |
| Minutes for January 20, 2009 Board Meeting |  |                            |
|  | Mary Suter, President  |                            |
| Discussion                                 | The minutes review included a warm welcome to new Board member Jane Brady. The review ended with unanimous approval of the minutes with 2 updates: Attendance and date update.   |                            |
| Treasurer's Report                         |  |                            |
|  | Jeffrey Ratner, Treasurer  |                            |
| Discussion                                 | Mr. Ratner was unavailable due to a mishap while playing tennis. All agreed tennis has become a dangerous sport for Board Members. The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report and with Mr. Ratner's absence agreed to defer the final review and acceptance vote.   |                            |
| Librarian Report                           |  |                            |
|  | Virginia Vocelli, Library Director    Donna Miller, Library Assistant Director   |                            |
| Expansion Update                           | Ginny, Donna and Mary attended the Libratects Workshop hosted by the Guilford Library on April 15 <sup>th</sup> . The architects for Guilford's expansion were Tuttle and Wells, the same architects as Avon selected.   |                            |
| Activites                                  | Patron count and usage started to increase again. Worth noting is Simsbury's Library re-opened in April of '08 hence year to date comparisons will revert back to usage by the standard Avon community. The Monthly Circulation Report: Sunday circulation and patron count year to year rose significantly with the patron count more than doubling from the prior year.  |                            |
| Random acts of kindness                    | Volunteer appreciation is underway with volunteers receiving a thank you letter and a Library Recycle/Book Bag thanking them for their involvement. The Hunter's Run Book group met to discuss Madame Bovary. Tina was in attendance and accepted their annual gift for new adult fiction titles.  |                            |
| Programs & Services                        | Authors: Discussion of Stewart O'Nan's <i>Songs for the Missing</i> was attended by 29 people representing numerous book clubs and the author. Presently 17 area book clubs have signed up for the AFPL service. Music Series: The final two Sunday sessions were held in March with each session attended by 100+. Adult Program to celebrate National Library Week: The Antiques Road Show appraiser program was attended by 100 patient and polite people who enjoyed all of Ken's comments and evaluations.  |                            |
| Friends Report                             |  |                            |
|  | Barbara Leonard, Friends   |                            |
| Discussion                                 | The Friends Book Sale runs May 1 <sup>st</sup> through the 3 <sup>rd</sup> at the Avon Community Center. The renderings of the new Avon Library will be on display. The Friends celebrated National Library Week by sponsoring <i>If You Give A Pig A Pancake</i> . Over 50 kids enjoyed the costume character, story time and crafts. The Friend's also funded a flannel board and counting games that will enhance the staff's efforts greatly.  |                            |
| President's Report                         |  |                            |
|  | Mary Suter, President  |                            |
| Old Business                               | Mary led a discussion that included the electronic approval of February's meeting minutes and the significant reduction of Sunday hours to meet the budget guidance  |                            |
| New Business                               | <p>Community Room Proposal: Donna Miller shared an update to the Board touching upon the key highlights of her summary report. A spirited discussion ensued as the Board sought a pragmatic cost effective solution for the pent up demand for meeting room space in town. Mary offered and the Board agreed we table this until the parking lot issue is resolved. The Board thanked Donna for taking the time to review her report and for the high quality of the report.</p> <p>Adult Program Proposal: The option to serve wine during an adult program generated a vibrant discussion ending with Angela entering a motion to approve, seconded by Barbara and approved by the Board.</p> <p>New 990 Reporting Requirements: The Operations Committee (Mary, Tad, Jeff &amp; John) will review and be ready to share their thoughts at the May Board meeting. Mary and Ginny will look at the Town's policies.</p> <p>Sub-Committees: Board membership changes drive the need to review the sub-committee structure.</p> |                            |
| Library Calendar                           |  |                            |
| May 1, 2, & 3                              | Friend's Book Sale   |                            |

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| May 13 | Budget Referenda                    |
| May 19 | Regular Library Board Meeting       |
| May 21 | Librartects Workshop in Wallingford |
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