

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
NORTH KINGSTOWN FREE LIBRARY  
MINUTES**

**June 13, 2011**

**PRESENT WERE:** Patricia Carlson, Barbara Burgess, Dave Layman, Joan Ehrhardt, Rick Moore, Tom Sgouros, Paul Sollitto, and Susan Aylward.

- 1. Call to Order-** The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Kingstown Free Library held on Monday, June 13, 2011, in the Conference Room was called to order by Chair Patricia Carlson at 7:35P.M.
- 2.** Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-6 (c) Notice of this meeting has been posted on the Secretary of State's website.
- 3. Minutes of the May 9, 2011 regular meeting –VOTED** to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2011 meeting as presented on a motion by Tom Sgouros, seconded by Rick Moore.
- 4. Minutes of the May 23, 2011 special meeting –VOTED** to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2011 meeting as presented on a motion by Tom Sgouros, seconded by Rick Moore.
- 5. Grant-in-aid apportionment formula including report of June 9<sup>th</sup> special meeting with Willett and Davisville Library representatives**—Pat Carlson, Dave Layman, and Susan Aylward reported to the full board on the June 9<sup>th</sup> special meeting to discuss the grant-in-aid apportionment formula as approved by this Board on May 23, 2011. The summary of the meeting included these points: the Willett representatives expressed their disappointment and anger at the reduced level in their funding; they were interested in interpreting the statutes concerning public libraries and grant-in-aid apportionment; they disagreed with the fact, which was confirmed by Town Manager Mike Embury that the NKFL is the designated free public library for the Town of North Kingstown; they disagreed with the state's interpretation of the statutes, as expressed by the state's Chief Library Officer, Howard Boksenbaum, that it is up to the municipality to define a public library and to authorize the distribution of grant-in-aid funds; and they disagreed that the Davisville Library should receive a higher portion of grant-in-aid funds for serving a disadvantaged population. At the close of the meeting, the Willett representatives suggested that they would like to recommend a different apportionment formula. Pat Carlson has given them leave to do that and will convene another meeting in the near future when/if the Willett representatives produce their suggested formula. While the NKFL Board expressed its collective desire for a respectful discussion and its willingness to review any suggested formula that the Willett representatives put forward, Board members were also firm in their belief that they have already approved a fair and workable formula for distributing state aid to libraries in FY 2012. The Board also expressed their collective dismay at the disrespectful and hurtful way that Board Chair Patricia Carlson had been treated by Willett representative John McDermott in various e-mails that he had sent throughout the period before the meeting took place.
- 6. Acceptance of David Plante manuscript gift**—The Board discussed David Plante's gift in 2009 and 2010 of manuscripts and books from his personal collection. The library director has completed the inventory of the 70 boxes of manuscripts in 380 folders. She will inventory the books in the near future, post-retirement. The Board VOTED unanimously to accept the gift of David Plante's manuscripts and books for addition to the permanent South County Room collections on a motion by Rick Moore, seconded by Joan Ehrhardt.
- 7. Salary for the Deputy Director**—The Board discussed the deputy director's salary in relation to the administrative transition that is happening with the retirement of the current library director and the hiring of a new director. Because her job has changed and will change with the hiring of a new director, the board felt that it was important to recognize her contribution to the continued health of the organization. They therefore VOTED unanimously in favor of upgrading her salary by 3% beginning with the first pay period of the new fiscal year on a motion by Dave Layman, seconded by Barbara Burgess.

- 8. Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-Discussion of job performance.** Tom Sgouros made the motion, seconded by Rick Moore to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing job performance of candidates for the library director's position. Each Trustee voted in the affirmative.
- 9. Adjournment**—After leaving Executive Session, Rick Moore made a motion, seconded by Barbara Burgess to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25PM.

Respectfully submitted-  
Susan L. Aylward