

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
TOWN OF PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY**

530 Colonial Avenue

Pelham, NY 10803

March 30, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

John Lent, Jack Kaufmann, Steve Swanson, Jane Azia, Theresa Brasile, Anne Calder, Jenny Del Re, and Margaret Young.

Not present: Peter Monaco, Paul Osmolskis.

Also Present: Library Director Tricia Perito, Town Liaison Dan McLaughlin, Friends Liaison Sue Simpson.

Minutes

The minutes of the January 12th meeting were approved.

Financial Reports

In noting that the library has spent about half of its technology budget already, Patricia Perito said that the Westchester Library System's bill for information services is paid up through June 30, including the cost of installing two new public work stations.

Tricia said she would look into a reduction of about \$4,000 in the equity fund balance.

The board approved the financial reports.

Program Committee Report

Margaret Young reviewed the library's submission in response to the Junior League of Pelham's request for proposals to fund "signature projects." The library submitted three potential projects for funding: a community-wide "big read" program, a pilot e-media collection for the community and a renovation and updating of the library space.

Tricia reported that the league said they were happy with the submission and were in the process of discussing it.

John Lent reported that as a result of a presentation to the Friends about the library's communication needs, five members of the group have volunteered to help the library build a database for an e-mail newsletter and to write press releases and other communications materials.

Policy Committee Report

Jane Azia presented a proposed revision to the library's policy regarding the use of computers and wireless Internet access. The revised policy prohibits patrons from accessing or distributing information or material that is harmful to minors or that is obscene or pornographic; states that the library does not guarantee the security of personal information sent over the Internet via library computers and refers patrons to the WLS's Internet policy, to which the library adheres.

The board approved the revised policy.

Nominating Committee

John reported that Everett Potter, a longtime travel writer and editor-in-chief of "Everett Potter's Travel Report," had agreed to fill out the term of board member Kristin van Ogtrop.

The board voted to send the nomination to the Town Board for approval.

Director's Report

The board approved the annual report.

Tricia reported that the library has been working with Olivia Orr, a Pelham Memorial High School student, to collect items for servicemen and women.

The librarians have been tracking usage of reference materials as part of an ongoing consideration about whether to continue purchasing these materials, in light of the growing popularity of the Internet as a reference source.

Freegal, a downloadable e-music service based on the Sony music catalog, has an offer for libraries to sign up for the service, allowing library patrons to download three pieces of music a week. The cost would be \$5,500 a year. Board members raised concerns about the cost, whether there was a need for the service and whether such a service was part of the library's core mission. The sense of the board was not to subscribe at this time.

Friends' Report

Sue Simpson reported that on Saturday April 9, the Friends would sponsor a book swap from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and also an author reading.

She also expressed interest in having an ongoing discussion about the Friends' role in supporting the library.

Also, she expressed enthusiasm for the "big read" proposal that was submitted to the Junior League.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Next meeting: The next regular meeting of the Town of Pelham Public Library Board of Trustees will be May 4, 2011, at 7:30 p.m.