

Mansfield Public Library Advisory Board Minutes
- meeting of Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014

present: E. Bar-Shalom, E. Chibeau, B. Katz, N. Lerman,
D. Truman, L. McDonough, ex officio; S. Clark, presiding

absent: T. Long, L. Maziar / (one seat = open)

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.
- 2) Opportunity for Public Comment: (none)
- 3) Communications: (no Communications needing attention of the Board had been received)
- 4) Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of June, 2014, were approved unanimously (moved by N. Lerman, seconded by D. Truman)

5) Librarian's Report: Mrs. McDonough announced that a preferred candidate's name has been submitted to the Town Manager for the System Librarian's position, and that the position is expected to be filled during October.

She also presented the comprehensive written Quarterly Report - some highlights include: migration to the new consortium went well (- statistics are still being worked on). Summer at the Library was productively busy, including the Summer programs, which went well (with recognition to the Friends for having paid for programs and supplies). that a joint effort with the Historical Society to collect, and make increasingly accessible, town history is underway ... that the basic information collecting has been completed, and a data base will be set up (- including the present project of listing, from records, all names of people buried in our town cemeteries) (- this might become the impetus for an archivist grant)

(including which specific resources are kept at which locations)

6) Old Business: Library Mission: the revisiting of the Mission is ongoing

7) New Business: a) election of Board Chair: S. Q. Clark was reelected (in the wording put forth from within the Board "by acclamation") (- The Chair thanks one and all!)

b) New Board Members: one opening currently exists - a recommendation from L. McDonough has been passed on to the Town Manager; who will interview, and make a decision by the December meeting c) Amazon.com Smiles program/Wowbray book purchasing program; the various levels to which this set of possibilities can be taken were explained by L. McDonough - discussion ensued as to the positives and negatives (such as: discomfort with the perception that a corporation would be promoted, the idea that funds can be presented to (a) cause of the user's choice (from a pre-set list of possibilities), the fact that notice of upcoming publications (of new items being acquired by the Library) is efficient and frequent (allowing books to be put "on hold" in a timely fashion); and the like.

- 8) Agenda Items for Future Meetings: The Library Mission
- 9) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 P.M.
(moved ^{by} N.Lerman, seconded ^{by} D. Trumen)

Respectfully submitted,

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