

GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 10, 2012
Groton Public Library
7:00 p.m., Director's Office

- I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Marie Shaw.
- II. Roll Call: Betty Anne Reiter, Judy Leonard, Pennie Fox, Susan Kietzman, Ellen Chiapperini, Rosemary Duval-Arnould, Lenore White, Marie Shaw, Ranjna Bindra.
- III. Public Comments: None
- IV. Communications: None
- V. Approval of minutes of the June meeting: A motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting was made by Ellen Chiapperini and seconded by Lenore White. The minutes were approved.
- VI. Review of June-September performance measures: Most of the performance measures set last June by the consulting firm were met or exceeded.
- VII. New Business:
 - A. Election of Vice Chairman: Nominations for the position of Vice Chairman were taken. Susan Kietzman was nominated. Lenore White made a motion to appoint Susan Kietzman as Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Pennie Fox. Mrs. Kietzman was appointed.
 - B. A motion was made by Pennie Fox and seconded by Susan Kietzman to approve the 2013 Library Board meeting schedule. The motion was approved.
- VIII. Director's Report
 - A. The Library lighting project is nearly complete. The final pieces needed to finish the lights over the information desk area are on order and will be installed when they arrive.
 - B. All Town departments, including the Library, are working on a COOP Plan (Continuity of Operations Plan) that will set up contingencies in the event of emergency situations.
 - C. The Circle of Friends met on September 24 and agreed to continue funding the volunteer coordinator, museum passes and BookNews Service (cost shared w/Library). They also voted to fund half the cost of the new furnishings/toys for the children's room and half the cost of

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- D. 250 people attended the finale of One Book, One Region 2012 with Geraldine Brooks at Fitch High School on September 23.
- E. The Mark Twain program planned in collaboration with the Senior Center was cancelled on September 24 due to an emergency in the performer's family.
- F. Library staff participated in Discover Learning in Groton at Fitch High School on September 21 and at the freshman fair on September 27 and 28.
- G. The Library has been chosen to host two exhibits:
 - a. (2013) GPL is one of 50 sites selected by competitive application to host the Civil War 150 exhibit and receive a \$1,000 grant to plan related public programming. Made possible by a Partnership of the National Endowment for the Humanities, The Library of America, and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. This will happen in August, 2013.
 - b. (2014) GPL will collaborate with CT Humanities to host The Way We Worked, an exhibit created by the Smithsonian Institution to trace workforce and work environments throughout history.
- H. A book discussion book which is a collaboration between the Groton Public Library and the Groton Public Schools has started. The books chosen are related to education. Groton school administrators lead the discussion. The group is open to the public.
- I. A new Children's librarian has been hired. Kim Balentine started work on August 23.
- J. It is National Friends of the Library week from Oct. 21- 27. There will be tours of the library on Oct. 22.
- IX. Old Business:
 - A. The Groton Library Boards joint meeting was held in September. Doug Lord from the State Library gave a presentation on how to apply for grants from the State Library.
 - B. The book sale in August brought in about \$3,300. There was a preview night for the Friends of the Library.
- X. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Ellen Chiapperini and seconded by Judy Leonard. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rosemary Duval-Arnould
Secretary