

North Branford Library Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held May 5, 2009 at Smith Library

Present: Marion Bradley, Chairperson
Carol Davidson, Vice-Chairperson
Carolyn Candelora, Secretary
Suzanne Kolakowski, Treasurer
Bob Hull, Library Director
Betty Thomas, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Carol Davidson motioned to accept the minutes of April 7, 2009, amended to reflect that interns were being recruited from SCSU, not CCSU (director's report). Carolyn Candelora seconded. The vote was unanimous.

2. Library Board Report - none

3. Library Director's Report

Bob said that he was very pleased with the signs and bronze plaques at Smith. He said there are two main areas where more signs are needed (small donor/memorial signs in landscaping areas and inside directional signs), also that the shelving signs will be placed when the end panels are delivered. He said that the first display in the Shafer Room was Patricia Meglio's art. Donations are now being accepted to help purchase the local artist's painting of the Shantz Barn in Northford which he said is worthy of display in Smith Library because of its historical nature in town. He said that the Shafer Room has proved to be very popular with 25+ bookings to date (free for a non-profit community group and \$25.00 per hour for a private party). He said there is an agreement with the school system for the children's department to be the site of the all-school district art show in Spring 2010.

4. Library expansion/renovation

--Status of project – Smith

Bob said the unfinished items include shelving end panels and counter tops, also landscaping. Weeding will be done by volunteers. Bob said he would contact the eagle scout who approached him wanting to do a project. Carol Davidson said she would supervise any helpers and Carolyn Candelora offered her assistance. Carol said that Nancy DuBrule of Natureworks has offered her services in the planning of a mini garden and a small children's garden, also that Nancy is planning a teaching seminar for curious people to show her plans and reasons for the design and materials choices. Carol said she would arrange for Fran Merola to meet with Nancy.

--Status of project – Atwater

The test well at Atwater has shown that the cost for the Geothermal HVAC system would be higher in the beginning but a money saver in the long run. Bids are going out to bid later in May and construction expected to start in late June or early July. The interior design proposals have been reviewed and approved by the staff, Library Board and Building Committee. May 19-20 are the scheduled dates for the move of the Atwater collections.

Library budget for 2009-2010: discussion

The Town Council has made the cuts official; Referendum takes place on May 12th.

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Use of trust funds, 2009-2010 – discussion

The Board briefly discussed the issue of whether trust money could be used in another direction if the furnishings budget is solid.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.