

**Tiverton Library Services  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
July 26, 2011**

**Trustees/Director Attending:**

**Ann Grealish-Rust, Director  
Barbara Donnelly, Chairman  
James Barrett  
Lee Hoyer  
Donald McCann, Emeritus  
Maureen Morrow, Secretary  
Colin Robinson  
Jennifer Theroux, Treasurer  
Ed Parr, Guest**

- 1. The Minutes from the June meeting were accepted as written.**
- 2. Treasurer's Report. Jennifer Theroux presented the income and expense reports in their new format. The endowment report was also presented.**
- 3. Union Library. The Union Library Association plans to hold their annual book sale on August 20-21 at Tiverton Four Corners.**
- 4. Friends of the Tiverton Library (FOTL). The FOTL netted \$1800 at**

**the Community Fair held in June. The next newsletter is planned for early October. The FOTL bulletin board for the Essex foyer has arrived and needs to be hung.**

**5. New Building Committee. Lee Hoyer reported that at the Town Council meeting on July 25th, it was announced that Nancy Mello, the Town Clerk, will have the referendum question prepared by the Board of Canvassers 50 days prior to November 8th, election day.**

**Lee Hoyer also proposed additional language for the FAQ on the library project that addresses the state contract that will be signed if the referendum passes. This language will clarify that TLS will not borrow money for the building of a new library until a contract is signed. The endowment funds will be used to bridge funding until a contract is signed by both the town and the state.**

**Lee Hoyer also stated that if the bond referendum passes, prior to a contract being signed, the Board will need to hire a library consultant who will verify that the planned building meets state requirements. A RFP was sent out to six potential consultants and a recommendation is expected by the September board meeting.**

**Lee Hoyer further reported that 15 civic groups have heard the PP presentation.**

**Bumper stickers are being distributed at the libraries.**

**Ann Grealish-Rust reported that a letter from an unknown person is being circulated through town addressing taxation issues and concerns re: strains on the town's sewer system. She will find out more information concerning this letter.**

**6. Tiverton Library Foundation. A meeting will be held on July 27, 2011. The campaign is continuing to succeed in raising capital for the new library at a good pace.**

**7. Director's Report. This report will be issued next week after the end of the month. Ann reported that the staff have received many comments re: the banner on the steps of Essex, mostly positive. She recommends that a smaller similar sign should be placed at the rear of Essex for patrons entering from the parking lot.**

**The masonry and gutter work has been completed.**

**The summer reading program was a huge success.**

**Ann will provide data on the usage ("hits") to various parts of the TLS website.**

**8. Old Business. Ed Parr asked for feedback from the Trustees regarding the public relations strategy for the Fall and provided a written plan with several elements. The Board discussed these and**

**decided to also provide further feedback via email after review.**

**Ann Grealish-Rust asked the Board members to become more involved in presentations to the community as we approach the November referendum.**

**9. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Maureen Morrow**

**Secretary**