

**Babcock Library Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**July 26, 2016**

In Attendance: Board Members Helen Chapman, Ann Lojzim, Gerald Nagy, Catherine Sampson, Suzanne Smith, Barbara Zulick, and Library Director Shadd Jamison.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

**Secretary's Report:** Catherine moved and Suzanne seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the May 24, 2016 Regular Meeting. The motion carried. Barbara moved and Helen seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the July 5, 2016 Special Meeting. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** There was no treasurer's report or further development of a budget for FY17. Gerry advised that in August Gail Zaicek of the Board of Finance will be our liaison for the annual town audit.

**Correspondence:** Gerry read a letter he received from Town Clerk Sherri Mutch as he entered the building for this meeting. The letter praised staff member Maggie Kurnyck for helping two women to use our archival books for genealogy research. However, the letter goes on to severely criticize the Library Director for "apathy." Shadd asked, and the Board agreed, to interview Maggie for her perspective on the incident. Shadd also asked, and the Board also agreed, to receive his side of the story in a rebuttal letter.

**Library Director's Report**

**Book Clubs:** 6 for Mystery Book Club with Josh on 7/19, 8 for Preteen Breakfast and Books on 7/16.

**Tot-Time:** 5 on 7/5, 3 on 7/12 and 13 on 7/19.

**Children's Summer Reading:** 146 signups as of 7/2

**Adult Summer Reading:** 51 participants as of 7/23

**Family Fun Night at Pompey Hollow Park:** Raj, Kelsey, Josh and Shadd with approx. 35 kids at each concert. Catherine commented on the wonderful job Raj does.

**Marvels of Motion on 7/6:** 30 people

**Irish Step Dancing with Maggie:** 30 people on 7/11

**Jon Cap Magic Show:** 47 people on 7/18, 36 people on 7/25

**Weekly Folk Dancing Lessons** – 4-8 people per session

**Knitters** – 6-10 people per session

**Upcoming Activities:** Harry Potter party on 8/2, Senior Housing visit on 8/5, Here and There Book Club with Jan on 8/5, Ice Cream Social on 8/12, Friends Winetasting on 9/10

**Staffing:** Barbara and Catherine will interview staff per Shadd's recommendation. A staff meeting took place on 7/19.

**Website:** There are problems with the website. Staff is contacting WordPress for help.

**Bibliomation:** We paid \$4,250 in June which represents half the conversion cost. We will be billed for the second half later. Thereafter the annual fee will be \$4,750. Bibliomation is asking if we want Overdrive (an ebook service available through the Bibliomation consortium) for an extra \$961.31 with annual fee of \$521.31. Helen recommended that we decide at a later date because of budget uncertainties---Shadd will ask if this is possible. The plan is still for Bibliomation to go live on 9/22.

**Director's Notes:** Kelsey Casey will be starting a new book discussion club based upon science fiction to be called "Lances and Lazars."

**Old Business:** Ann pointed out that the new policy on Food in the Library needs to be added to the policy book.

**New Business:** Book delivery to the homebound was discussed. Shadd was urged to put a statement in his next Ashford Citizen column asking for names of people who need the service. This is a long-standing policy that we want to continue.

**Persons to be Heard:** none

**Update from Friends:** none

**Items for next meeting on August 2, 2016:** Director's evaluation.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Helen and seconded by Barbara to adjourn at 2:45. The motion passed.

Respectively Submitted,

Ann Lojzim Recording Secretary