Holliston Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes February 13, 2013

**Present**: Nancy Baron, Jim Pond, Phil Waterman, Bill Heuer, Pat Fuller and Library Director, Leslie McDonnell

**Minutes**: Phil moved to accept, as amended, minutes from January 23, 2013 meeting; Jim seconded, all in favor.

## **Director's Report:**

- 1) We reviewed and accepted the new job descriptions for cataloguer, technician, and page.
- 2) Director McDonnell reported the explosion of a new overhead light bulb and the group strategized protecting staff and patrons. Difficulties with the phone contract and electrical problems were reviewed.
- 3) Leslie reported, and Bill concurred, the Finance Committee's support, including for over all frugality and around the issue of legal fees which the library must cover despite having won an unnecessary law suit.
- 4) The One Book, One Holliston event was well attended and the author compelling and personable.
- 5) Also a big success was Ellie Deaner's soup cooking demo.
- 6) We discussed decision making regarding inclement weather with the trustees endorsing Ms. McDonnell's determining when to close depending upon staffing needs, weather reports etc. rather than matching town departments with other agendas.
- 7) Trustees noted with appreciation patron Rob Franco's paintings cheering up the Gilman room décor.
- 8) Leslie also reported the immediate popularity of Zinio, free to patrons thanks to the Friend's of the Library, on-line magazines. Already 226 Holliston citizens have enjoyed Smithsonian and Discover as well as Consumer's Report and Mental Floss from home.
- 9) She shared enthusiastic attendance at many library programs such as history club, Morning book club, "Taking a Bite Out of the Sandwich Generation", training in Mango among others

**Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday, March 20

Pat motioned to adjourn, Nancy seconded. All in favor meeting adjourned at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Fuller