

**MILFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2011
(draft)**

Board President, Mr. Peter Vita called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Milford Public Library to order at 7:05 pm on October 5, 2011.

PRESENT

Mr. Vita, President
Mrs. Wanosky, Vice President
Mrs. Creedon, Secretary
Ms. D'Anna, Treasurer
Mr. Barnett
Ms. Smith
Mrs. Gaynor
Mrs. Paula Smith, Aldermanic Liaison
Mrs. Tsang

EXCUSED

Dr. diFate
Mr. McGovern

ABSENT

Mr. Patterson, Aldermanic Liaison

Public Presentation: President of the (RWM) Republic Women of Milford Mrs. Linda Stock, was accompanied by other fellow Republican women who came to present the Friends of the Milford Public Library with a check for the proceeds of a golf tournament that they held in August for the benefit of the library. The RWM members present were Cindy Bevan, Kathy Kobishyn, Gina V. Badalamenti, and Connie Jagodzinski. Board member, Mrs. Constance Gaynor and Aldermanic Liaison, Mrs. Paula Smith, were also present as members of the RWM. Mrs. Linda Stock stated that she is very proud of the Co-Chairs and team members for their hard work that made the golf tournament a great success. Mrs. Stock turned the presentation over to Mrs. Gina Badalamenti who addressed the Board Members, Mrs. Tsang and Friends representatives, Mr. Fred Chidester and Mrs. Cindy Meyers. She stated that the RWM likes to hold a charitable fund raiser once a year with the proceeds going to an organization that is beneficial to the community. She stated that the Republican Women of Milford were thrilled that this year's recipient would be the library because of the contribution that the library makes to the community. On behalf of the Republican Women of Milford, Mrs. Badalamenti presented the Friends of the Milford Public Library with a check for \$2,750.00. All Board Members applauded the effort to benefit the library and Mrs. Tsang stated that five public access computers are down and that the funds raised are gratefully accepted to purchase new computers. Mr. Fred Chidester expressed gratitude on behalf of the Friends and the Milford Public Library.

Disposition of minutes: Mrs. Creedon motioned to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2011 Library Board meeting. Mrs. Wanosky seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Secretary's Report: There was no Secretary's Report.

Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's Report.

President's Report: For the President's report, Mr. Vita stated that he made several calls regarding the ceiling tiles that fell recently in the library. He did not get a response back from his calls. He stated that the Board may want to discuss funding the repair through Capital Improvements. He stated that another issue is the flat paint used during the renovation project although he knows that this is cause mostly by use over time. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Creedon stated that the walls will show marking no matter what type of paint is used. She stated that while some paints are washable, flat paint is not but the benefit of using it is that you can easily re-paint areas without having to paint the whole wall over again which may be the basis for the decision to use flat paint. Mrs. Tsang stated that the laminate on the desks needs to be repaired. Mr. Vita and Mrs. Tsang will research the cost of the repair of the laminate.

Librarian's Report: Mrs. Tsang stated that twenty five percent of the Seasonal/temporary budget has been expended. She stated that the adjustment in the library hours has helped us keep on top of the budget. She is still concerned about illnesses, vacations and adjustments in hours that will need to be staffed by using Seasonal/temporary funding. Mrs. Tsang stated that circulation statistics are down and she is not sure what the reason is. She stated that today she attended a meeting where she learned that this is happening at other libraries as well. Mrs. Tsang stated that E-books are still having legal issues regarding being circulated by libraries. One such issue discussed was privacy issues. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Tsang stated that it may be some time before this issue is resolved.

Mrs. Tsang stated that the museum passes which are funded by the Friends are extremely popular. Added to the library's collection this year is the Museum of the City of New York and the Stamford Museum and Nature Center.

Mrs. Tsang distributed copies of the current budget asking the Board Members to consider items such as staffing and asking for an increased budget for downloadable items. Discussion ensued. The Board members asked questions on the differences between Electronic Media, the library's Databases and other lines items such as Information Services. Mrs. Tsang explained the differences. Discussion ensued. Mr. Barnett asked if it wouldn't be wise to shift some of the Book Account funding to accounts like Electronic Media or to purchase computers. Mrs. Tsang stated that it has been her experiences that if you shift funding you will lose funding. She also stated that she views Milford as a more traditional community so a loss in the Book Account would not be beneficial. That being said she may move funds out of Books for Electronic Media if no other funding is available. Mr. Barnett asked about the possibility of taking funding from Books to buy computers. Mrs. Tsang did not agree with moving funding from Books for Computer purchases. She believes the computer needs of the library should be funded by the City. Even though the staff members need computers, some are for the benefit of the public and for their use. The cost of staff computers is the same as for public access computers (PAC). Mrs. Tsang stated that five out of eleven PAC's remain broken. She stated that for the library it is catastrophic. She had hoped to move adults who wish to use to use a PAC out of the Children's Department. She is hoping that the new computers she has ordered can be installed soon.

Mrs. Tsang asked the Board members to view the new Gallery Wraps that have been installed in the lower lobby. With gratitude, Mrs. Tsang stated that the prints are the work of photographer Paul Hromjak. Ms. D'Anna asked the cost. Mrs. Tsang stated that the cost was approximately \$1,000.00 for three wraps and that they were funded by the Friends of the Library.

Old Business: There was no Old Business

New Business: There was no New Business.

Mrs. Creedon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Mrs. Wanosky seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Sharretto, Clerk to the Board
Mrs. Linda Creedon, Secretary