

TRUSTEES MEETING JANUARY 22, 2008

Attending: Rora, Francis, Ciccarello, Doucette, & Director Todd

The minutes of the December 10, 2007 meeting were accepted on a motion by Francis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rora. The statistical reports were reviewed and accepted on a motion by Francis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Doucette.

The Gates Foundation Opportunity Online Hardware Grant Program is offering funds for computer replacement and upgrade to community libraries that meet certain guidelines. The initial eligibility is based on an assessment of the community's poverty level, and the final eligibility will be based on number and age of the computers. Our library has met the initial criteria and been selected to submit further information to determine final eligibility. The grant amount will be \$2,600 per eligible computer and we will need to provide matching funds. The Gates Foundation will determine the final eligibility.

The problem patron has been ousted from the library by the Chief of Police and is banned from returning in the future.

We received our State Aid Award in the amount of \$25,835.25.

20-Hour Employees. There are 4 at the library and after much discussion we agreed (without a formal vote) that if the job description changed from 20 hours/week with benefits to 19 hour/week without, we would support the hiring of new employees at 19 hours without benefits only if all current 20 hour employees are grandfathered in and don't lost their benefits.

Director Todd sent a letter to the family of Olga Marrocco proposing to set up a trust fund in her name to purchase mystery books. We have received over \$1,200 in her memory.

Other Business: A Long Range Planning committee meeting will be scheduled for February. There was no formal challenge received to the book *The Golden Compass*. One of our patrons had a suggestion for fixing the cracks in the foundation – a product called Aqua Bond that is injected into the cracks, fills the spaces, then hardens.

The next meeting will be February 11. Adjourned at 8:20.

Susan K. Doucette  
Secretary Pro Temp