

May 8, 2008

The trustees of the Great Barrington Libraries met at Ramsdell Library. Those present were Ellie Smith, Chairperson, Ann Grochmal, Mary Pat Akers, Patty Melville, Doreen Atwood and Anne Just, Library Director. The previous minutes were read and accepted. No treasurer's report was given.

The newest full time employee, Wendy Conway, has been on the job for three weeks and is continuing training at both libraries.

Karen Ball has returned to work following knee surgery. She is currently working a 30 hour week with hours increasing shortly.

Dawn Barbieri continues preparations for the 100th anniversary on June 21st at Ramsdell Library. Dawn is inviting by formal invitation, numerous Ramsdell relatives as well as town officials.

Anne brought to the attention of the board concern about the use of the quiet study rooms. A paid tutor has been making regular use of the space thereby limiting use by others. It was suggested that the tutor be offered the use of the conference room as several hours at a time are needed for her work.

Patty Melville continues to work on an annual appeal letter. Suggestions were made by the board. It is expected that the letter will be going out to the public soon.

Dawn has requested of the board permission to spend some donated funds on the purchase of equipment for programming at Ramsdell as well as two air conditioning units. A motion was made and passed for the purchase.

Ellie, Craig Swanson and Anne continue to work on the renovation budget. Orders continue to be placed for furniture and equipment. The building inspector will not allow a range to be installed in the pantry area.

Anne anticipates the library website will be available soon.

Next meeting will be June 12, 2008 at Mason Library.

Signing off, respectfully submitted,
Doreen Atwood

