

Norton Public Library

Annual Meeting 2011

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Trustees Attending: Brian Stalters, Robert Berg, Lisa Daly-Boockoff, Herbert Ellison, Kenneth Perlow, Gail Robinson

Clerk's Report: The Clerk's report from the 2010 annual meeting was reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report from the 2010 annual meeting was reviewed and accepted.

Board of Trustees Chairman Report: Brian Stalters, chairman of the Norton Public Library Board of Trustees, discussed the smooth transition of the role of head librarian from Elaine Jackson to Lee Parker. He thanked the library staff for their hard work, despite getting no raises, during the library's time of fiscal crisis. Brian noted that the library was the beneficiary of 1,045 hours of volunteer time during the year. He thanked the Friends of the Library for their fundraising efforts, Robert Berg for his continued hard work as treasurer, and Herbert Ellison for his help with the Library Park.

Library Director's Report: Norton Public Library Director Lee Parker noted that the library participated in the town's First Night celebration and celebrated the library's 125th anniversary. She said the library held its own during FY 2011 and continued to serve patrons as well as it possibly could during the 30 hours per week that it was open. Lee stated that 68 percent of Norton residents have library cards. During the year, the library had 62,868 visitors; 136 adult programs (with attendance up 42 percent from last year); and library staff answered almost 5,000 reference questions. The Friends of the Library raised \$13,888 during the year and Elaine Jackson retired as head librarian on June 29 after 22 years of service. Lee noted that because the library building is now 20 years old, maintenance of the facility is becoming a bigger issue.

Constitution By-Laws Revision: Herbert Ellison presented several Constitution by-law revisions (please see attached.) Herb made a motion to accept the revisions, Ken Perlow seconded the motion. The revisions were unanimously approved.

Nominating Committee: Ken Perlow gave a report of the nominating committee with the following board nominations: Carlton Moore, Donna Summerfield and Gail Robinson. Robert Berg moved the slate. Brian Stalters seconded the motion. The slate of officers was approved.

Other Business: Changes in the open meeting law were discussed.

Adjourned: 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Lisa Daly-Boockoff, Acting Clerk

Brian Stalters, President