

**Wilton Library Associaton**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, 4 February 2009**

(this meeting represents the January board business as the late January meeting was postponed to February 4<sup>th</sup> due to a snow storm)

Members present: Trish Clifford, Tom Galante, Pat Gould, Howard Greene, Elizabeth Harleman, Glenn Hemmerle, Louise Herot, Judy Higby, Whitney Janeway, Michael Kaelin, Dan Mahony, Derrel Mason, Jerry O'Neil, Holly Sexton, Harry Somerdyk, Sue Sullivan, Elaine Tai-Lauria

Staff present: Mary Anne Franco, Kathy Leeds, Lauren McLaughlin, Anne Rowlands, Susan Taylor

Members absent: Shirley Bergin, Dave Clune, AP Duffy, Jon Ellenthal, Greg Jansen, Ken Kempson, David Waters

President Herot called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. She introduced our newest board member, Harry Somerdyk, and welcomed him to the library board.

Judy Higby, chair of the subcommittee on updating lease arrangement with ABC, presented the subcommittee's recommendation that had been passed previously by the Executive Committee. A motion was made by Howard Greene, seconded by Pat Gould, and carried to present the following proposal to the subcommittee of the ABC group the following: WLA will extend the current lease which expires in 2012 for another four years. The termination of that lease will then be in 2016. The rent paid each year to the WLA by ABC increase on the current list from \$8,050 to \$11,000 beginning at the end of this fiscal year. The rent for the years between 2012 and 2016 will increase from \$11,000 per year to \$12,600. Since the bond with the town retires in 2013 allowing the ABC group thereafter to enter into a lease arrangement with an organization or business or persons that will not be required to be a not for profit as the bond restricts the use at this time and until 2013, wording must be in the renewed lease that allows the WLA to be a partner with ABC in determining who might rent that house should the ABC women's program move or be discontinued or change in any form from what it is now. And, that that wording provide for an agreed upon sharing of rent. The existing wording in the current lease that indicates should the program dissolve, move, or otherwise change to the extent that ABC no longer uses the house, that it is the responsibility of the ABC organization to either move the house from the property, demolish the house and remove debris remains; or, as stated above, if a lease arrangement is made with another organization, business, or person(s), that an agreement between the two entities (WLA and ABC) be reached.

The minutes of the December 17, 2008, board meeting were approved as submitted.

If anyone has any questions relating to the December financials, please direct them to Holly Sexton or to Susan Taylor.

Kathy Leeds reviewed highlights of her Director's Report.

Copies of the management letter and the Independent Auditors Report were passed out. Holly Sexton stated that the report reflects a good audit with clear opinion.

This shortened business meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm in order that Trish Clifford might lead us through a workshop to define our Development directions.

Suggestions and possibilities for action on creative ways to earn in these challenging times came out of this workshop. Various groups will continue to follow up with reports on discussions and recommendations for application.

The entire evening was adjourned by vote at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith F. Higby  
Recording Secretary – substitute