

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY**

530 Colonial Avenue

Pelham, NY 10803

May 8, 2013

8:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Margaret Young, Jack Kaufmann, Steve Swanson, Suzanne Auclair, Anne Calder, Paul Osmolskis, Everett Potter and Cameron Potts.

Also Present: Library Director Patricia Perito.

Not present: Sandy Angevine, Carl Pannuti and Robert Parisi.

Annual Report

Library director Patricia Perito presented the 2012 annual report for the Board's consideration. As a result of Tricia's research, this version was updated from the version presented at the May 1 meeting.

Board president Margaret Young noted that children's circulation was down despite an increase in children's attendance.

She said that, drawing conclusions about what the report says about the state of affairs at the Library, our collection is stable and downloadable items are accounting for 100 percent of growth.

She regretted to see that total attendance was down (3.5 percent from 2011 to 2012), adult programs were down, and there were declines in other categories. But she had gone back to a spreadsheet of previous years and found that the numbers do move up and down.

However, she added, the collection is shifting to digital, and people are not coming to the library as much because of the shift to digital. We have to think about what means for the library, she concluded.

Regarding report question 7.2 about a board-approved long-range plan of service, the answer is now "Yes" because further research had found that the Board had approved such a plan within the last five years, and such plans are valid for up to five years. Board members agreed that the plan would be revised by November.

Question 9.22, asking for the year that the library underwent a major renovation of \$25,000 or more, was changed to 2012 because of the lighting project and roof replacement.

The Board approved the annual report.

Other Business

Tricia said that WLS was sending a videographer to the Creative Aging reception and reading on Saturday May 11.

In response to a question from Margaret, Tricia said the interior painting was proceeding well and the old lighting fixtures had been taken down on Monday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Next meeting: The next regular meeting of the Town of Pelham Public Library Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, July 10, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.