

## **PILLSBURY FREE LIBRARY**

### **POLICY Committee Meeting January 29, 2013 at 4:30 Frank Maria Room**

Present: Linda Hedrick, Richard Knapik, Joan Warren (Chair), Nancy Ladd

The meeting opened at 4:40 pm

Under Old Business it was noted that the recently approved *Code of Conduct Policy* has been posted on the Library web page and filed with all the Library policies. It is filed within the "Who May Use the Library" folder.

The members present discussed whether we should continue work on the Child Safety Policy. A suggestion had been made at a previous meeting to table the policy until new Board members could be added to the committee. The members present decided that, since we already had committed two meetings to this policy we would do better to complete our work so new members would not be coming in the middle of revisions. It would be better to complete it and move on to something new.

The rest of the meeting was taken up with revision of the Child Safety Policy, taking it line by line. At our previous meeting discussion centered on the 12 year old age designation for caregivers. Since then Nancy and Linda checked policies of a few other libraries around the state and found that this was the age given in most of them (Derry, Hooksett, others). Consequently we left in that age. Additional concern dealt with the need to clarify the library staff is not responsible for behavior or interactions with patrons who leave the library, or situations that arise outside the library building. We debated about inserting the sentence: "The library staff does not assume the role of *in loco parentis*".

We did not include it, but still are concerned about clarity on this issue.

After line-by-line editing, the policy revision was complete to our satisfaction. Rick made the motion to offer this revised policy to the full board for approval.

Nancy will send a copy of the revised policy to all Board members to be considered for approval.

Interlibrary Loan policy updating will be left to a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 6:00 pm

Joan Warren, Policy Committee Chair