

**TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**Wednesday, May 29, 2002**

**PRESENT:** Phyllis Eldridge, Theresa Garabedian, Ray Bowles, Dana Levenson, Mike Pennington, Lee Lorusso, Sherm Pridham, and Sue McCann.

**NOT PRESENT:** Ed DelValle, George Pierce, and Barbara Ward

- I. Call to order at 7:10 PM
- II. Acceptance of minutes. MOTION: "To accept minutes of April 24, 2002." by Pennington, seconded by Lorusso.
- III. Financial report:
  - A. Total assets \$132,969 (see attached)
  - B. Expenditures for the past month were \$1340.
- IV. Director's Report:
  - A. DelValle and Pennington will meet with McCann about Artifacts Database. Pridham said that Dartmouth College is helping municipalities with how to care for their town records/collections.
  - B. New Library-Pridham reviewed process from RFQ to selection. He noted the quality of entrants. Group of five chosen to respond to RFP. The Building Committee met with architects for over 6 hours. Followed by the selection meeting the next evening. The selection process was a positive experience. The vote was close and Amsler, Woodhouse, and MacLean was selected. The next step is for City Council to approve the site. It is clear that site specificity is critical to the architect. O'Leary sent a letter to Mayor Sirrell stating the importance of this step. Every firm spoke favorably about the site and their willingness to work with the neighborhood. The City and Amsler will negotiate a contract after the Council votes on the site.

Bowles asked Pridham about the Trustees continuing role. Pridham suggested the Trustees join with staff on early design sessions.

Bowles also asked about the continuation of Todd Hanson's valuable contributions. Pridham assured the Trustees that Todd Hanson has offered his continued service.

Eldridge said that the Trustees can be a sounding board and help make tough trade-off decisions. Garabedian asked about creating subcommittees, such as design and fundraising. There was some discussion but no conclusion reached.

V. New Business

- A. Pennington reported on CD that came due last week. Rates are low. Should we let it sit or invest at low rate? The Trustees decided to let Pennington make the decision.
- B. Pridham spoke about summer reading program. "Lions and Tigers and Books, Oh, my!" T-shirts and bags are for sale in the Children's Room.
- C. Bowles spoke on Mr. Bohenko's skills and support for the Library.

Next meeting will be Wed. June 26, 2002.

Attachments:

Financial reports

Letter from O'Leary to Mayor

Updated roster.