

TRUSTEES MEETING
PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY
Wednesday, June 26, 2002

PRESENT: Phyllis Eldridge, Ed DeValle, Dana Levenson, Mike Pennington , Lee Lorusso, Rai Bowles, Sherm Pridham, and Sue McCann.

NOT PRESENT: Theresa Garabedian, George Pierce, Barbara Ward

I. Call to order at 7:00 PM

II. Acceptance of minutes. MOTION: DeValle, seconded, Pennington.

III. Financial report (see attached).

IV. Director's Report:

A. Report on Artifact database.

- Kenison has looked at the data and will start work on the project this week.

B. Update on New Library.

- Pridham reported that Amsler was hired for the first phase of the project (site approval and rewrite the building program).
- Amsler is working with city staff to clarify and set up a time frame for the site approval procedures and meetings with land use boards.
- Amsler has made it clear that the \$7 million budget may require a smaller building than planned for in 1997.
- Pridham reported that the library staff is working with Amsler to be sure that the library is efficient and that the community will be well served in the new building.
- Pridham spoke of the need to utilize technology to optimize space and efficiency. This must be included in the revised building program.
- Amsler recommended that a technological consultant be hired as early in the project as possible. Also that the consultant be hired by and

responsible to the City. Pridham recommended that the City follow Amsler's suggestion.

- Pridham reported that he had been invited by the Mayor's Neighborhood Committee to make a presentation on July 16. He said that he would speak about the new library from an "inside" perspective – what we will have for spaces and services inside.
- Amsler will be invited to make a presentation to the Building Committee on July 24. Trustees expressed the desire to also be in attendance. Pridham has set up the meeting for Conference Room A in City Hall.
- Bowles requested that Pridham or someone, put together a "mission statement" for the New Library Building Committee, Trustees, Fund Raising Committee and the "Friends of the Library" (when they are reactivated). Bowles would like to have the roles clarified and the required and/or desirable actions needed from each group made clear so that confusion can be avoided.

C. Pridham reported on the ALA Conference.

D. Time essay on library as a fitting monument at World Trade Center site (see attached).

Next meeting will be July 24 with New Library Building Committee.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM, Lorusso, seconded, Bowles, passed.

Attachments:

Financial reports.

Time essay.