

Portsmouth Library Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes: Jan. 21, 2009

Present: Elias Abelson, Carol Lincoln, John O'Leary, Jody Record, Betsy Shultis, Megan Tehan, Mary Ann List, Steve Butzel, Amy Brnger  
Excused: Barbara Ward, Ann Walker.

Minutes from December 2008 meeting approved.

Financial Report

Megan Tehan will investigate CD rates with Bank of America Business Maximizer

Director's Report

The City Of Portsmouth is calling for budgets that will not increase taxes.  
Mary Ann has developed 2008-2009 goals and objectives as she would have without special regard to the budget directive.

Top goal: to protect the level of service currently being provided and to protect the level of staffing. Staff, materials and energy costs top budget items. We can level fund those but not cut.

One place the budget would go up: improvements to the Web catalogue. Pushes the budget but is a gain for the whole city. Innovative library system is moving toward subscription model software instead of larger investment that would require system migration every five years at significant capital expense.

New Business

New hire: Julie King, full-time, front desk. Started Jan. 8, 2009

Old Business

Discussion: library parking and the impact of the proposed middle school project:

John O'Leary, Ely Abelson and Mary Ann List will meet with representatives from the city and the architects Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, to discuss protecting library parking and preserving the green space in front of the library. Need commitment that request will be honored.

Traffic study for Parrott Ave library called for 70 +/- spaces. Cooperative parking arrangement was made. Library needs 70 spaces. That number will be presented to city officials and architects during Jan. 22 meeting.

**Motion: Betsy Schultis moved the plan presented by Portsmouth Public Works for library parking be presented to the representatives at the Jan. 22 meeting. Carol Lincoln second. Passed.**

Meeting adjourned 8: 25 p.m.