

Portsmouth Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes: May 20, 2009

Present: Elly Abelson, Grace Lessner, Carol Lincoln, Jody Record, Megan Tehan, Mary Ann List.

Excused: Amy Brnger, John O'Leary, Betsy Shultis, Ann Walker.

Minutes from March 2009 meeting approved.

Financial Report

Due to a newly implemented \$15 a month fee, funds at Bank of America will be moved to the Piscataqua Savings Bank.

The requested municipal budget is level funded (\$5 less than FY2009). The City Council will vote on the municipal budget at their regular meeting on June 22nd.

Director's Report

- 1) May calendar discussed. Diversity and number of programs and events continues to grow.
- 2) The library was on the Sustainability Green Building Tour. Attendees received a handout explaining all of the library's green features.
- 3) Work on the citywide Art and Artifact Project has included inventory and appraisal of the Adams Collection. Also, federal requirements for the Armory Commemorative Exhibit have been met and the exhibit is on permanent display in the lobby near the Levenson Room.
- 4) Assistant director Steve Butzel and Sherry Evans, supervisor of public services, attended the NH Library Association Conference in May. Teen librarian Jennifer Calivas resigned. Lisa Harling, who has been working part-time, has applied for the job. Her current position (part-time, 18 hours) will be advertised.
- 5) Staff has been undergoing training on how to deal with patrons with mental illness, in addition to safety and humor training.
- 6) Encore is now in use, on the Web and the search catalog.
- 7) Trustees presented outgoing trustee Barbara Ward with a gift certificate as thanks for her years of service.

Gifts/donations:

- 1) Grant from the Portsmouth Garden Club (\$200) for the library garden (six raised beds off courtyard) was accepted. Motion: Carol Lincoln, second, Grace Lessner
- 2) Donation from Thoresen and Werner Families Fund (\$7,000) for animal sculptures. Motion: Carol Lincoln; second, Grace Lessner.
- 3) Donations in memory of Elaine Hussey (\$25 Carol Feldman; \$25 Roxana Staley) Motion: Megan Tehan; second, Carol Lincoln.
- 4) Donations in memory of Doris Regan (\$50 Claudia Hackett; \$10 Priscilla Sargent) Motion: Megan Tehan; second, Carol Lincoln.

New Business

Old Business

Meeting adjourned 7:35 p.m., motion: Carol Lincoln; second, Megan Tehan.

Next meeting June 17, 2009