

Portsmouth Library Board of Trustees
Minutes
Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 6:30 pm, MacLeod Board Room

Present: Jody Record, Betsy Shultis, Megan Tehan, Elly Abelson, Carol Lincoln
Staff: Mary Ann List, Steve Buzel
Excused: Grace Lessner, John O'Leary

Secretary's Report

The minutes from January 20, 2010 were approved.

Financial Report

1. Gift money transferred from Trustee-held funds to city funds for budget.
2. Treasurer Tehan discussed options for investment of Mahoney gift money. The first Mahoney children's program will be held in the summer of 2010.

Director's Report

1. Library requests in CIP for FY2011
 - a. Funding for recording cameras for outside perimeter for safety.
 - b. New server for integrated library system
2. Library Operating Budget for FY11 is in preparation.
 - a. Responsible budget may be \$5,000 less than last year.
 - b. Goal is to keep library services intact.
 - c. Library budget is part of the City of Portsmouth municipal budget
 - d. First public hearing on budget is April 14th
3. Middle School project is in process of schematic design
 - a. Construction Management team of city staff and JBC members is nearing a recommendation for hiring CM .
4. Splash Exhibit of art of Portsmouth's young people will premier March 1st.
 - a. Artist reception March 14th sponsored by Friends of the Library
5. Library attendance up from 1000 January 2009 to 1840 in January 2010.
6. Portsmouth Library Staff/Trustee Team participated in fundraising event for HEAT.

Technology Report

1. Connected Web page to Catalog
2. Community News Stand Project
3. Computer Classes going well.
4. E Book reader Project beginning.
5. Languages to be offered online.

Gifts

Carol motion to accept gift of \$750 from Rosamond Thaxter Foundation for restoring painting by Greenaway. Seconded by Elly.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: March 17, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Lincoln
Acting Secretary

