

Portsmouth Library Board of Trustees
Minutes
Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2011, 6:30 p.m., MacLeod Board Room

Present: Elly Abelson, Carol Chellman, Valerie Cunningham, Kate Gill Kressley, John O'Leary, Jody Record, Betsy Shultis, Megan Tehan

Excused: Grace Lessner

Staff: Mary Ann List, Steve Butzel

Secretary's Report. The minutes from the Jan. 19, 2011 meeting were approved.

Financial Report

1. The director reviewed income/expenditure report through January 2011. Target spending is at 58.33 percent; actual: 54.73 percent.

Director's Report

1. Spring programs are in the process of being put together, including the new film series, music offerings and book group.
2. PPL is now at full staff with the hiring of Kyle Belmont (PT)
3. The staff has been working on evaluations and planning on both a macro and micro level. Those and reviewing last year's goals and objectives help plan the FY12 budget.
4. Trustees reviewed a draft of the FY12 budget which reflects level funding. Any costs that have gone up have been absorbed; \$10,000 has been deducted from books and media. PPL looks to the state to continue funding some databases. Work on the budget will continue
5. A pipe that broke in the Youth Services has been repaired with no permanent loss.
6. The new server for the integrated library system is due to be installed March 29th.
7. Portsmouth's The Wire names PPL one of the best places to feel at home.
8. Work on the middle school begins April 11. A temporary parking lot will be built on the playing field behind PPL when the city lot between the library and the school is redone. A public information session on the middle school takes place March 23.

Trustees Activities / Reports / Discussion.

New trustees Kate Gill Kressley and Valerie Cunningham were welcomed.

Betsy Shultis has submitted her resignation from the board as she is moving from Portsmouth. Trustees and staff thanked Betsy for her years of service to the library.

New Business – none.

Old Business – none.

Acceptance of Gifts and Grants

1. A \$1,000 grant from the Rosamond Baxter Foundation was accepted for documentation and labeling of library-held art and production of comprehensive catalog.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.50 p.m.

Next regular full board meeting: March 16, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,
Jody Record