

Portsmouth Library Board of Trustees Minutes
Wednesday, November 19, 2014 6:30 p.m., MacLeod Board Room

Present: Ernie Greenslade, John Crist, Bruce Boley, Stephanie Hausman, Jack Jamison, Shaula Levenson, Donald Margeson, Jody Record, Jeff Landry
Staff: Steve Butzel, Christine Friese

Secretary's Report:

The minutes from the Oct. 27 meeting were approved.

Financial Report:

The director reviewed the income/expenditure report through Oct. 31, 2014, saying there's nothing unusual to report and, while overtime is ahead in spending, that's due to the summer reading program which requires overtime.

Director's Report:

New Staff: The library is close to hiring a new library assistant whose role will be assisting department heads with emerging technologies and leading classes. Steve hopes to have this person on board by Dec.15.

Public Programs: National Novel Writing Month, Mystery Week, Peace of Mind series, and Paths to Publication.

Digital Services and Technology: The library will soon be utilizing a hosted solution for its integrated library system server. The server will be managed by the vendor at a remote site. This will require shutting down the server on Dec. 2.

Staff are looking at new services including Lynda.com, online technology tutorials; tutor.com, online one-on-one tutoring; and Freegal, a downloadable music site.

The new 3D printer has arrived and the library will soon be announcing demos for patrons as well as the opportunity to submit designs for printing.

Outreach: Are moving forward with a new program for 6th grade students and teachers.

Meet the Staff:

Mike Huxtable, reference librarian, shared his background and the responsibilities of his job, which he says have changed dramatically in recent years. Says reference librarians "were Google" before the Internet and, while they are still answering questions, are now connecting people with services, equipment, and books.

New Business:

Election of Officers: Jody Record, chair, facilitated the election of a new slate of officers, including Ernie Greenslade, chair, John Crist, vice chair, Stephanie Hausman, secretary, and Donald Margeson, treasurer. All votes were unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Ernie Greenslade, in the absence of a board secretary