

Portsmouth Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes for trustee meeting May 20, 2015

Present: Ernestine Greenslade, Donald Margeson, Shaula Levenson, Bruce Boley, John Crist, Jack Jamison, Stephanie Hausman

Staff: Steve Butzel, Christine Friese

Meeting called to order at 6:35.

Steve spoke to us about trustees' funds. Gave us information about history of various funds for future discussion.

Steve is in the middle of the city budget process, had to leave for a final meeting.

Minutes of April 15, 2015 meeting accepted. Top line on second page – add “Trustees” between New Hampshire Library and Association.

Director's Report

-Budget Update

Steve made a presentation at City Council Budget Work Session (held at library).

We're nearing the end of the budget year and on target with the budget. Staff working hard to hit the target.

-Building Upgrades

Levenson Room project completed! Sound system & projector are in.

-Professional Development

Christine attended Computers in Libraries – very useful. She found that we are on par with innovations around the country.

-Public Programs

Recent programs/events

First ever K-12 Youth Poetry Night: 15 winners, 5 in each category; well attended and accepted.

Clothing Swap – lots of clothes were swapped!

Bike Week: exhibit, collaboration with MakerSpace, White Heron tea, seersucker tour.

World Affairs series speakers – 3 so far, 1 next week: Victoria Budson, May 26. After that, series will be on hiatus & will hopefully restart in the fall. Hopefully, we'll have more lead time to promote events with the next go-around.

Music series concerts – will take a summer hiatus. We'll look into more local acts for the fall.

Genealogy Workshop series – very popular, a series will start in June, possibly more to come.

3D Printer demonstrations continuing – has drawn all generations.

Updates on upcoming programs of interest

World Affairs series speaker, Professor Victoria Budson, May 26th

Film: Still Alice, May 28th – last movie of spring series, more to come.

Book Discussion groups – fiction group (one afternoon, one evening) & nonfiction group

Painting with Adeline: various art workshops throughout the month

How-To Festival, August 1st – deadline for potential presenters June 19, 20 minute slots.

Coder Dojo – coding school for kids –library working on getting presenters

Summertime! Lots going on in youth services.

Library will be at Market Square Day, June 13.

Library will be at the farmer's market twice: July 11? and Sept 26?

-Digital Services: some technical issues this week (wifi, Millenium)

NYTimes Digital update, more people using the service

Lynda.com live

Programming over the summer to show people how to take advantage of some of our digital services.

Trustees Activities / Reports / Discussion

None of the trustees were able to go to the NH Library Trustees Association meeting this week.

Don has been researching investment options – people can donate trust funds to the Board of Trustees for the library. Trustees can hire an investment agent/advisor. Trustees of the trust fund money is at Payson, investment company in Portland.

Next month, Steve will propose budget requests of the trustees. Bruce suggested a work session for trustees so that we better understand library's budget priorities. We'd also like to know more about the funds that we manage – any limitations of use, etc. We're confused about the money taken from trustee account for budget – not reflected in MS-10?

New Business – Christine will send an email regarding which month of the summer we skip meeting.

Bruce is working on a music series, would like it to be on the agenda next month.

No old business.

Both new gifts accepted

Portsmouth Employees Union, \$200, for Youth Summer Reading Program
NH Satsang Society, \$100

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Next Regular Full Board Meeting: June 17th, 2015