

Minutes for May 18, 2016 Trustee Meeting
Portsmouth Public Library Board of Trustees

Attendance: Ernie Greenslade, Shaula Levenson, John Crist, Don Margeson, Bruce Boley, Jack Jameson, Stephanie Hausman

Staff: Steve Butzel, Christine Friese

Meeting called to order at 6:32.

Detective Rochelle Jones, Sgt. Dave Keaveny from Portsmouth PD came to talk about opiate epidemic. Det. Jones focusing on community relations and Sgt. Keaveny focusing on opiate problem. We learned about/discussed Narcan (treatment for overdose), fentanyl, signs of use or impairment, the possibility of future programming here.

Bravo concerts went great!

Heather Armitage, Library Assistant, Technical Services
Stacia Oparowski, Library Assistant, Technical Services
Barb Bourgoine, Library Assistant, Youth Services

Minutes of April 20, 2016 meeting accepted.

Financial Report: we're just under our target for this time in the year.

Director's and Assistant Director's Reports

-Municipal budget presentation and public hearing went smoothly. Council is scheduled to vote whether or not to adopt the final budget on 6/6. Gross budget process will happen after that.

-Programs, Services & Exhibits

-Hoopla is live! 8 downloads per person per month (no waiting!)

-Clothing Swap success!

-Plans in the works to accept credit card payments

-10th Anniversary Planning Update

-Keynote speaker, Stephen Abram, confirmed for Tuesday, November 15th, including morning program for the staff

-Gary Hirshberg, Thursday, October 6th

-Art exhibit, Views of PPL, has had some artists confirm

-Steve has done a thorough go-through w/ DPW, will be getting new carpet in lobby, other improvements.

-Outreach to schools

-Middle School Career Day visitors

-Invitation to fifth graders after their middle school orientation.

-Staff contributions to professional associations: Christine will become next Chair of the advocacy section of the NHLA; Sarah Cornell involved in librarian advancement; Steve is on a new committee.

-General Comments: Steve will send us a list of items in our special collections that do no longer hold value for the library but may have value. We should consider the list and let Steve know if we believe something should not be removed from the collection.

Gift from Louis Michael Pulzetti, \$50 in appreciation for hosting visitors from Italy, and Christine Friese's contribution to this effort in particular accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52.

Next Regular Full Board Meeting: June 15th, 2016