

Trustees Minutes

July 8, 2014

A regular meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library was held on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Main Library. Those present were:

Axelrod	Jones	Margolis	Rees
Burstein	Livingston	Mehta	Vanderkay
Healy	Lohe	Moran	

Also present: S. Slymon, Library Director and A. Reed, Assistant Library Director.

I. Approval of Minutes

M It was moved to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2014 Board meeting. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

II. New Director

S. Slymon was welcomed as the new Director of the Brookline Public Library. The Director reported on her trip to the American Library Association Annual Conference held on June 26-July 2, 2014. She also thanked former Director, Chuck Flaherty, for being a generous, thoughtful, informative and tireless host and that she is grateful to the Town and Trustees for facilitating their time together.

III. Library Director's Report

Circulation: Circulation of library materials decreased 3.88% in June over last year's levels. For the fiscal year, circulation has decreased 4.86%. The Assistant Director distributed a Circulation by IType report dated June, 2014. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that she would distribute this report each month and will also provide M. Moran with more circulation statistics. M. Wofsey has been asked to provide computer usage statistics.

Financial: As is typical this month, no financial report was distributed as M. Egan-James is closing out the end of the year.

M Storyville Opening: The dedication ceremony for the Storyville sculpture at the Putterham branch was a total success. More than 50 people attended and the sculpture was very well received. It was then moved to authorize the Assistant Director to spend up to \$1,000 to have a plaque designed and mounted under the sculpture, which would read:

Storyville
Jeremy Kindall
2014
Dedicated to Barbara Warner
Branch Librarian 2002-2013

This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Hunneman Hall: The floor in Hunneman Hall is being refinished. The anticipated time table is for the contractor to begin work on July 11 and finish on July 24, as there is a program scheduled July 25.

M Winter Hours: The Winter Hours were distributed. It was moved to accept the Winter Hours. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Main Carpeting: The carpeting by the Fiction section will be replaced.

Main Roof Replacement: The replacement of the roof at Main is progressing on schedule, and there have not been any staff or patron complaints about disruptiveness.

Main Rear Driveway: Work has begun and a plywood ramp has been constructed to allow deliveries to get to the loading dock. Hopefully, the work will be finished before school re-opens.

M Freedom Day USA: As suggested by the Board of Health, the Brookline Public Library will be participating in Freedom Day USA, a community wide event offering free goods and services held September 11, 2014. It was moved to pay for up to 150 cups of coffee/tea from KooKoo's Café to complement the Friends of the Library generously donating two free books each to Military, Veterans and First Responders. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Future Technology: The Director shared an article at <http://www.citylab.com/cityfixer/2014/06/two-major-public-library-systems-are-about-to-start-lending-wi-fi-hotspots/373233/> and thought it was a fascinating take on library outreach into the community. The Director would be interested in pursuing it if it is something that the Board deems valuable.

Sustainability: San Rafael, Ca. Public Library is the first ever library to offer bamboo library cards. The Director thinks that this is a topic the Board should take an interest in from an environmental perspective. The library cards are totally biodegradable, and bamboo is a sustainable agricultural product. For more information, go to <http://srpubliclibrary.org/2014/06/23/bamboo/>.

August Trustee Meeting: A motion was made to cancel the August Trustees Meeting, as done in years past. This motion was seconded and failed with 4 in favor and 5 opposed. The Board will meet at its regular time in August.

Patriot Act: The library has not been served with any court orders since the last meeting.

IV. Committee Reports

Programming/Brookline Reads Committee: G. Wise and the Staff Programming Committee will be representing the library at the Farmer's Market Outreach on July 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Programming Committee is sponsoring an event "Homicide for the Holidays", on December 10, 2013. Hank Phillippi Ryan will moderate a panel discussion. The Programming Committee will meet again on July 31.

Ad-Hoc Coolidge Planning Committee: The Committee met prior to the meeting and distributed a preliminary report. As the Board was reminded, \$50,000 has been allocated from Town Meeting for the feasibility study for the Coolidge Corner project. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Foundation: Team Brookline raised over \$270,000 for the four Brookline charities and the Brookline Public Library received approximately \$33,000 as its share.

V. Old/New Business

M a. Bylaw Revisions: It was moved to accept the bylaw revision distributed at last month's meeting. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

VI. Adjourn

M There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimous.

Voted: To adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

A true record.

ATTEST

Secretary