

Trustees Minutes

February 17, 2015

A regular meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Main Library. Those present were:

Axelrod	Jones	Margolis
Burstein	Livingston	Moran
Healy	Lohe	Vanderkay (remotely)

Also present: S. Slymon, Library Director; A. Reed, Assistant Director; Linda Carlisle, Brookline Library Foundation; Ruth Kowal, Coolidge Corner Building Project Consultant; and David Marc Goldstein, Town Meeting Member.

I. Approval of Minutes

M It was moved to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2015 Board meeting. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

II. Library Director's Report

Circulation: Circulation of library materials decreased 3.15% in January over last year's levels. The Assistant Director distributed Circulation by IType reports dated December 2014 and December 2013. A Computer Use Summary by M. Wofsey was also distributed.

Financial: A financial report for FY15 dated February 17, 2015 showing an ending balance of \$1,277,991 was distributed to the Board.

Budget/Override: The Director met with Mary Egan-James for a mid-year review of all expenditures, and the numbers are on target. The Town has taken the pre-emptive step of reducing the library's budget in case the override fails. The cut to the library is \$22,000, which has been taken from the part-time personnel line. The money will be restored, if the Override passes.

Coolidge Corner Renovation: With the exception of tonight's focus group, all of the community meetings and focus groups scheduled have been completed.

Staffing: Caroline Richardson has been appointed temporarily to fill Natalie Layne's position as Supervisor of Children's Services. One internal candidate has applied for Caroline's position.

Outreach: The Director reminded the Board that the Brookline Library will host the Annual Minuteman Library Legislative Breakfast to be held on March 6, 8:00-9:30 a.m. in Hunneman Hall. The Director hopes that many Trustees will be able to attend.

Midwinter Mingle: The Midwinter Mingle was wonderful, despite Mother Nature's best efforts to thwart the fun. No report yet on receipts.

Art Appraisals: The Director has reached out to Martha Richardson, who is willing to donate her services to re-appraise the library's art in the spring.

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

III. Focus Group - Coolidge Corner Renovation Project

The Focus Group discussed the future of the Coolidge Corner Library including facilities, collections, programming, staffing, location and accessibility.

IV. 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 9:20 p.m.

A true record.

ATTEST

Secretary