

Board of Library Trustees
Minutes 06/19/2013

Present: Jeanne Ivas (Chair), Christine Smith, Kathryn Mudgett, Sarah Summers, Mike Yee, Victor Posada, Becky Freer (Director), Judy McConarty

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Jeanne at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: Minutes from the May meeting were approved as written.

Welcome New Trustee: The board welcomed new Trustee, Victor Posada.

Reports:

Director: Becky reported that Norwell Reads went very well. This year was the 9th town-wide reading event. This year's selection, *The Gardner Heist*, generated a lot of interest and overall attendance at events was up 2% compared to last year. Weeding and shifting of the library's collection continued in order to improve organization and accessibility. VHS videos and audiobooks on cassette were discarded to make room for newer formats. The Trustees, Friends and staff bid farewell to Henry Goldman as library Trustee. Two plantings were purchased for the Japanese Garden in honor of him. Fred-the-Shed reopened for the season with a plant and book sale. The shed is staffed by 19 volunteers. Becky attended a final meeting with the OCLN taskforce to complete its mission to provide PR/Marketing to OCLN libraries. The taskforce created a marketing campaign proposal for Zinio (electronic magazine subscription service), which would provide movie theater ads and give libraries posters and bookmarks to promote this product.

Financial: Judy reported that the expense balance is approximately \$1,200. Remaining funds will be used to pay final FY13 bills. Some of the surplus payroll funds, resulting from the temporary Adult Services Librarian position vacancy, were expended to pay part-time staff to assist with weeding, shifting, bar-coding and other tasks that were put on hold when the library was short-staffed. NPL expects to turn back approximately \$3,000 to the town.

Friends: Jeanne reported that Karen Yee was elected the new Chair. The group is looking for new members. A fall fundraiser is being discussed to purchase new furniture for the children's area. The next meeting will be in August.

Old Business:

Sunday Hours Recap: The library was open on 11 Sunday afternoons between January and April. Approximately 900 visitors utilized library services during the trial period. To go forward, the personnel plan would need to be revised to address compensation for full-time staff.

New Business:

Meeting with Ellen Allen and Tammie Garner/Long Rang Plans for Library: Jeanne, Becky and Judy met with selectwomen Ellen Allen and Tammie Garner to discuss future plans and space needs for the library. The library presented an overview of its vision, function and needs going forward. A previous proposal to build a new library and adjoining town hall was discussed and remains a possible option.

Fundraising: The board discussed getting key people to serve on a fundraising committee for the NPL Foundation. Several big fundraisers would be needed to raise a portion of the cost of a new library.

Vote for Chair/Vice Chair: Jeanne Ivas was unanimously re-elected Chair. Kathryn Mudgett was unanimously re-elected Vice-Chair.

Other:

Upcoming Meetings: Meetings are on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the library community room. Upcoming meeting dates are:

August 21, 2013
September 18, 2013
October 9, 2013
November 20, 2013
December 11, 2013

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. Recorded by Judy McConarty