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Board of Library Trustees

Board of Library Trustees Minutes Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 7 pm

Present: Trustees Jeff Nussbaum, Eileen MacDougall, Jim Lemay, Kathleen Reynolds; Library Director Tina Stewart, Administrative Assistant Gloria Corcoran.
Absent: Dan Hall, Don Pearson

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

Minutes and Financial Report and Monthly Statistics

Eileen MacDougall made a motion to accept the minutes of September 17, 2018, seconded by Kathleen Reynolds. Motion passed with an abstention from Jim Lemay.

Kathleen Reynolds made a motion to accept the Financial Report and Circulation Statistics of September 2018, seconded by Jim Lemay, motion passed.

Directors Report

Mrs. Stewart reviewed her written report which focused on the Revive Civility programming during the month of September. Programs were well received by the public and well attended. The only program that received negative reviews was the program presented by Robin Abrahams, aka "Miss Conduct" in the Boston Globe. The speaker was unprepared and flustered. Response to audience questions were curt and somewhat dismissive. Although she had agreed to speak for an hour, she spoke only for 40 minutes. Charlotte Wood emailed Ms. Abraham the next day expressing our disappointment and that she had not met our expectations. Ms. Abrahams has not responded.

Mrs. Stewart noted that the staff is looking to host a least one program quarterly that focuses on some aspect of civility in order to keep the concept in the forefront.

Mrs. Stewart noted that the library will be hosting its second Passport Day on Saturday, November 10.

Old Business

The plans for the outside seating area are ready to be submitted to the Conservation Commission. Mrs. Stewart showed the design done by Green International to the Trustees.

Mrs. Stewart spoke to Andy Barr of Russo Barr Associates, regarding the status of the Feasibility Study. He informed her that the study should be done by the end of the week. Mrs. Stewart will email the Trustees the results of the study.

Mrs. Stewart informed the Trustees that Brad McKenna met with her regarding the library being open on Saturdays in summer beginning in 2019. He asked that she notify the Trustees that the library staff is not happy about having to work Saturdays in July and August. She noted that the full time staff would have to work two or three additional Saturdays in the rotation schedule by opening the library during these months. Mrs. Stewart indicated that Town Manager Jeff Hull and she would be meeting with AFSCME representatives on November 1 to discuss this matter.

Comments

Jeff Nussbaum commented that he was impressed with the programming for the Revive Civility series and it made him proud to see the diversity of programs that were offered.

Eileen MacDougall noted that she will be substituting for Dan Hall's current affairs discussion group this month. She will ask Assistant Library Director Charlotte Wood to promote this discussion by reaching out to attendees of the Foreign Affairs and Domestic Affairs discussion series.

A motion to adjourn was made by Eileen MacDougall at 8:15 pm, seconded by Jim Lemay.

Next meeting: November 20, 7 pm, Banda Room, Library

Submitted by,

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Distributed at meeting: Monthly statistics, September Budget Report and MBLC Trustee Pocket Guide