

Minutes of Holliston Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting – October 19, 2011

Present: Cathy Soucy, Pat Fuller, Phil Waterman, Jim Pond and Nancy Baron. Also present Leslie McDonnell, Library Director.

Nancy motioned to accept the minutes of the meeting of Sept. 14, 2011. Pat seconded. All in favor.

Director's Report:

1. The "Start U Reading" program has been a great success.
2. A capital funding request of \$3500 has gone on the upcoming Town Meeting warrant for emergency repair of the roof edge and gutters. We should expect this repair to last for 2-3 years.
3. Some members of FinCom have been promoting the idea of relocating the library to the old Andrews school. Aside from the cost of making such a move, there are myriad physical problems with this building.
4. Former resident Mary Williams generously donated a copy of "The Declaration of Independence" to the library via her friend Paula Trask. It will be hung in the Bourne Room and the Trustees thanks will be sent to Ms. Williams.
5. Peter Robb, a patron and painting contractor, has volunteered to paint the new downstairs door at no cost to the Library.
6. Bob from the Highway Dept. has promised to install the new light in the Bourne Room as well as the new sink in the upstairs bathroom and other undefined "small tasks". Items still needing attention are the windowsill damaged by a squirrel, some replacement lighting and repair of the Children's/Handicapped Accessible lower walk-way. The latter continues to be a significant point of concern for the Trustees as the winter season is quickly approaching.
7. The disgruntled patron who did not get her document copies from the upstairs printer has filed a lawsuit.
8. The Mass Attorney General's office has questioned contracts between towns and power companies. As a result the plan for solar panels on several Town buildings, including the Library, has been cancelled.

Discussion:

1. Trustees and Leslie discussed the trend in increasing automation in book handling at various libraries. Leslie says that the new Westwood Library will have an automated check-in system. Bill told about an impressive video he had seen on the extensive automated system at the Seattle main library.
2. Bill raised the thought that Holliston could save money by leaving Minuteman (whose fee has increased between \$1700 and \$3200 in the past year), and

joining the central and western Mass C.W. Mars network; however there would be significant trade-offs as Minuteman has far superior resources, such as better access to the Overdrive e-book program.

3. Bill suggests the Library consider rental Kindles at some point in the future.

Friends Update:

1. The Friends will pay (\$124) for four licenses for Office 10 for the staff. They also will pay \$5000 to start an e-book Advantage program that will be available only to Holliston residents.

Next Meetings: Nov 16 and Dec 14, at 7pm in the Gilman Room.

Cathy motioned to adjourn, Jim seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Baron

Minutes

Pat – Nov '10

Nancy – Dec '10

Cathy – Jan '11

Jim – Feb '11

Phil – Mar '11

Nancy – Apr '11

Pat – May '11

Cathy – June '11

Bill – Sep '11

Nancy - Oct '11

