Minutes of the April 19, 2017 Meeting
Portsmouth Public Library Board of Trustees

Attendance: Ernie Greenslade, John Crist, Don Margeson, Bruce Boley, Stephanie Hausman
Staff: Steve Butzel

Steve gave us an update until Bruce arrived & we had a quorum.

Financial Report
- we are 75% through year, we’ve spent about 70%.

Director’s Report
- we hired Annie for circulation. She had previously been a page
- yesterday, Nicole Cloutier was promoted to fill Mike Huxtable’s position, they will have a 6 week overlap if Mike comes back from a medical leave. Will be posting Nicole’s position internally and hope to have that filled in May.
- we now accept cash and credit cards at the front desk, smooth introduction to this process. At some point this will come to reference desk.
- reference storage room cleaned out, new archival storage ordered
- Steve shared the school department’s emergency procedures that effect the library, talked about creating a safety committee to think about emergency responses.

Programs
- good turnout for college admissions talk
- had another 3D printing demo, more Minecraft, more genealogy
- 50 people attended the World Affairs speaker on Monday about Latin America, with really energetic response. Next speaker on May 7 at 12:30.
- guitar concert on May 7, later that afternoon. Collaboration with library, PMAC, & Mitch Shuldman.
- clothing swap May 13
- sustainability alliance summit on June 8.

Meeting called to order at 7:10.
Minutes of March 15, 2017 meeting approved on John’s motion. Don seconded.

Discussion about trustee investments
Oppenheimer money market account is earning very minimal interest while also being charged penalties for inactivity. We talked about forming a subcommittee to gather information & return to board with recommendations for alternative investment opportunities. Ernie will talk to board members not present about joining Don in a subcommittee.

Bruce updated us on BRAVO! 2017 concert(s). The decision was made to not run this series this year because there wasn’t much interest from teachers other than one person. Bruce will take more time to research and reach out to other teachers.

The following gifts were unanimously accepted:
  $100 from NH Satsang Society, Inc. in appreciation of library meeting rooms
  $100 from Richard and Kristine Ganong in memory of Marie Odiorne

Meeting adjourned at 7:25.

Next Regular Full Board Meeting: May 17th, 2017