

Portsmouth Library Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes: June 17, 2009

Present: Elly Abelson, Amy Brnger, Carol Lincoln, John O'Leary, Grace Lessner, Jody Record, Megan Tehan, Mary Ann List, Steve Butzel.  
Excused: Betsy Shultis, Ann Walker

Minutes from May 2009 meeting approved.

Trustees

Amy Brnger informed the Board that she will resign from the Board of Trustees after the June meeting due to time constraints. Amy will submit her official resignation to Mayor Tom Ferrini. Vice Chairman Elly Abelson will assume the role of Chairman.

Financial Report

Deposit Accounts at Bank of America will be moved to Piscataqua Savings Bank.

The library expenditures are slightly below budget. The expenditures are expected to come in close to budget at the end of FY09 when all payroll and utility expenses are complete.

Trustees will review the investment policy and accounts each November.

Director's Report

The summer reading program kicks off June 25 at Four Tree Island. Theme: Catch the Reading Bug. Programs include "Grandparents in the Garden" days; reading buddies, and signing with babies.

Staff has been working hard on teen programming; a staff member has been dedicated to a 20-hour a week position to concentrate on teens. A Wii has been purchased.

A 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for employee Richard Winslow will take place June 30, 2009, at 2 p.m. in the Levenson Room.

Encore is now in use along with the traditional catalog. A new version (coming in July) will make links easier to retrieve.

The Hilton Garden Inn Room now has work stations and free computer courses will be offered: basics; basic email and Internet. These classes differ from those offered by the adult education program.

An online exhibit of the library's holdings on the city's North End is in the works. The collaborative nature of the exhibit will allow people to tell their stories. A volunteer to help with the project has been found.

The Board of Trustees has been asked to continue to make known to the Mayor its position on parking related to the Portsmouth Middle School and the desire to have a seat on the Joint Building Committee. The Trustees will request that Mary Ann List be the library representative, should the library be included in the committee makeup.

Elly Abelson and John O'Leary will contact the Mayor.

Acceptance gifts/donations:

- 1) \$50 from the Piscataqua Garden Club [**Motion: O'Leary; second, Lincoln**]
- 2) \$50 from the Jansujwicz Family in memory Edna Spelke. [**Motion: O'Leary; second, Tehan**]
- 3) \$100 from multiple donors in memory Edna Spelke. [**Motion: Lincoln; second, O'Leary**]

New Business

Old Business

Meeting adjourned

7:40 p.m. [**motion: O'Leary; second, Abelson**]

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be July 21, at 6:30 p.m., in the MacLeod Board Room.