Portsmouth Public Library

Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes: Oct. 21, 2009

Present: Elly Abelson, Carol Lincoln, Grace Lessner, John O'Leary, Jody Record, Betsy Shultis, Mary Ann List, Steve Butzel.

Excused: Megan Tehan, Ann Walker

Minutes from July 2009 meeting approved. No September minutes.

Financial Report

 Budget on target.

 Trustees

Discussion on developing a policy regarding time, place and manner for public expression. **Motion: John; second, Carol – refer the issue to Mary Ann/staff for recommendations.** Passed unanimously.

Elly attended NH Library Trustee Association workshop.

There is a vacancy on the board of trustees. Mary Ann will ask the city to include the information with the current list of board openings listed on the city's Web site.

Director's Report

Sunday hours have resumed.

Holiday hours 2010 approved by trustees. **Motion: Carol, second John**

New staff: Meganne Fabrega promoted to library assistant III; 20 hours, reference department. Barbara Bourgoine, part-time, library assistant I, youth services.

Mary Ann attended the first Joint Building Committee for the middle school project.

HVAC repairs have been done.

Rosamund Thaxter grant and the Merrilee Possner bequest will support new display cabinets and bulletin boards in lobby.

Technical report

 Computer classes continue: Facebook for adults. Library is on Twitter to let people know about programs.

A new server for the integrated library system will be added in the capital expenses line of the budget.

Acceptance of Gifts and Grants

Mahoney Annual Children's Experience Grant $50,000 – **Motion: John; second, Betsy. Motion: John; second, Carol to empower Megan to work with Mary Ann and Steve on investing the $50,000.**

Robert W. Karnan Memorial Fund/South Church, $450 (materials) – **Motion: John; second, Carol.**

Meeting adjourned - 7:55 p.m. –M**otion, Carol; second, John**

The next meeting of the board of trustees will be Nov. 18, at 6:30 p.m., in the MacLeod Board Room. Please email Mary Ann at malist@cityofportsmouth.com or Barbara Weismann bhweismann@cityofportsmouth.com or call 766-1710 if you are unable to attend.