

February 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes
Portsmouth Public Library Board of Trustees

Present: Jeff Landry, Don Margeson, Jolanda Fannin, Bruce Boley, Stephanie Hausman
Staff: Steve Butzel, Christine Friese

Meeting called to order at 6:33.

Minutes of January 20, 2016 meeting accepted.

Financial Report:

Income-Expenditure Report reviewed, we are in line with where we should be at this time. A bit under budget but there will be some bigger ticket items in the near future. Steve reported that because the change in union of some of the supervisors, there was an increase in the longevity line, but that will be covered by the City so that number will be readjusted down in the near future.

Director's Report:

-Municipal budget update: Steve asked for more than 3.1% because we had some bigger expenses and the 10th anniversary event.

-Programs & Services:

The Parrott quarterly magazine print run is all gone!

3D Modeling Workshop for kids (we'll continue to offer 3 demos & 1 workshop per month, kids workshop every other month, upcoming training for staff on a different program)

Don Gorvett exhibit and reception w/ guided tour of the artwork, he'll unveil a new piece of art on 2/27
Insightful! Tactile & High Contrast Art exhibit, art workshop for kids last Saturday & Braille story hour
AARP tax assistance

Language discussion groups: French, Spanish, Italian, & German, perhaps an evening language event

-upcoming events: movie double feature, genealogy workshop, Great Decisions discussion w/ rotating monitors, speculative fiction & adult fiction & nonfiction book groups

-Brainfuse webinar, February 2nd w/ Steve, Christine, & Steve Zadavec to offer online tutoring

-Heinemann Publishing event, February 12th to celebrate the new machine they donated

-Building's 10th Anniversary Celebration: 2 brainstorming sessions, came up with 4 month outline of events, Steve is already working on getting events nailed down.

-we're on the verge of booking 2 more speakers for international affairs series, both focusing on defense/security.

-Steve has been contacted regarding a year-long memorial garden for service members killed in the 2nd Iraq war

Assistant Director's Report

-IT classes, social media, device help – all these services are very popular. In April, a series where tech help Lynda.com sessions done in group.

-Christine is considering whether library staff could go into the community to teach, now focusing on nonprofits.

-Library is considering Universal Class (online courses, varied topics, including continuing education & home schooling topics, more interactive than Lynda.com) and Hoopla (streaming films, music & comic books).

Trustees Activities / Reports / Discussion

Bravo: Piano recitals, May 12th (PMAC students) and May 15th – subcommittee met a couple weeks ago, working on possibility of recording the concerts & offering them for sale, perhaps annual like Splash.

Visit to Boston Public Library and Peabody Institute Library, March 16th, 11-7. Let Steve know what, if any, portion of the day you can attend.

Old Business

privacy policy – perhaps a update in April

Board voted to accept following gifts/grants:

Rosamond Thaxter 2015 Grant Award, \$500

Friends of the Portsmouth Public Library, \$1000, piano recital

Meeting adjourned at 7:48

Next Regular Full Board Meeting: March 16th, 2016