Taft Public Library Trustee Meeting Notes

5/2/12

Attendees: Bob Carlson, Carrie Grimshaw, Bill McHenry, Kathy Carlson, Carolyn Peterson (arrived 7:20), Susan Darnell, Andrew Jenrich, Jennifer O’Donovan (arrived 7:45)

Meeting called to order at 7:08 by Bob Carlson, 2nd by Bill McHenry.

Bill motioned to accept the minutes of 2/15/12, 2/29/12, and also the notes of the meeting on 3/14/12, Bob Carlson 2nd, all in favor.

Bob Carlson motioned to accept the minutes of 4/6/12, Bill McHenry 2nd, all in favor.

Carolyn motioned to accept the minutes of 3/21/12, Kathy Carlson 2nd, all in favor.

Andrew discussed the plans for the summer reading program.

Susan talked with Jean Bertho regarding longevity bonus (town policy). Three current TPL employees are affected by this required pay change. Carrie & Carolyn will figure how this will affect the salary line item and provide information to the selectman. Further discussion will occur at the next TPL meeting.

Discussion of St. Mike’s

* Susan reviewed the conversation she had at executive session w/ selectman. She told them of the accepted offer of $360,000. The selectman would prefer to have a special town meeting in September to get on the November ballot. Margaret commented that the September ballot might not work, because the only people who can vote are those who are registered to vote in that primary. We need 2/3 vote at town meeting to approve.
* The associate of town counsel advised that the offer has issues. The diocese wants money now. The town council will stop processing the P&S until further notice. The offer includes information about paying the brokers in the deal. That aspect of the P&S will be continued to investigate.
* Selectmen think the debt exclusion should be broken into 2 parts. One for the building; one for the renovations. Trustees are worried that the 1st might be approved but the 2nd part (for renovations) might not be accepted by the town. Representatives from FinCom agreed with the selectman. Their opinion is to secure the building – it’s the most essential part at this point.

Susan to make contact with the superintendent of schools to make sure our communication with them is open and to see how the TPL can get involved with the Alert Now communication system.

On Meeting 5/23/12 there will be a PR meeting with the Friends & community to develop a PR plan to generate support of a new library. Discussion of many aspects of PR was discussed.

Lasting thought – think about how we are going to get the community on board to support the St. Mike’s project.

Next meeting Wednesday 6/6/12 at 7:00 at Taft Public Library. Prior to that Town Meeting is 5/4/12; and a PR meeting on 5/23/12. In June, we will have to develop a plan for the community.

Susan Darnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:09. Bob Carlson 2nd, all in favor.