

Board of Trustees of the Taft Public Library Minutes
Taft Public Library, Mendon, MA
Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014
7:00 PM

Trustees present: Bob Carlson, Susan Darnell, Amy Fahey, Sharron Luttrell, Jane Blackwood, and Leigh Martin (School Committee)

Also present: Library Director Andrew Jenrich and Children's Librarian Tara Windsor

I Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Susan Darnell

II Approval of Minutes

October, 2014 Minutes

MOTION: On a motion of Amy Fahey to approve the October 1, 2014 minutes, seconded by Bob Carlson.

VOTED: Unanimous with Jane Blackwood abstaining because she was not present for the meeting

III Director's Report

There will be less processing of new material so the staff can take care of shelf maintenance.

All Clough students (76 children) have visited the library. They each received a library card.

Children's Halloween party was a success.

The Friends meetings have been poorly attended. Andrew and/or Tara attend each meeting to support the efforts of the Friends. There was discussion on how to augment fundraising effort by expanding the group.

Some library staff are volunteering their time to help with the upcoming book sale. Friends members and teen advisory group members are also volunteering.

The library funds museum passes now so Friends can focus on fundraising for the capital campaign.

The Boston Public Library is giving away shelving from its archives in Norwood. Andrew will look into securing some. UMass Boston has shelving to give away, too.

IV Budget Review

Andrew presented the monthly budget, salary, and State Aid reports.

V. FY16 Initial budget review.

Andrew presented the FY16 initial budget estimate.

The estimated budget is \$218,946.52, which is about \$60,000 over current budget, though the estimate could go up based on building maintenance and a rise in electricity costs.

The budget restores operating hours to 52 hours/week, which translates to \$28,000 additional in salaries. The library would be open 22 additional hours per week. New hours would be:

10-8 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

10-5 Friday

9-2 Saturday

22 hours additional per week.

Susan pointed out that the budget estimate is closer to what the town of Mendon should be budgeting for its library, according to MBLC. Each year, Mendon has to apply for a waiver because we're always below that figure.

VI. Old business

Deed change at 131 North Ave.

Trustees agree that we would like to be better informed before voting to give up the land.

MOTION: On a motion of Amy Fahey to Amy moves to postpone a decision on transferring the deed, Leigh seconds.

VOTED: Unanimous

VII Friends of Library Update

Andrew says very few people show up for Friends meetings. Only about four or five. Lots of wheel spinning.

Andrew and Tara are doing the lions' share of Friends type work.

Trustees will each personally ask people to join the Friends.

IX Future Agenda Items

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, at 7:00 PM at the Taft Public Library.

X Adjournment

MOTION: On a motion of to adjourn the meeting, by Amy Fahey seconded by Jane Blackwood.

VOTED: Unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:31 PM.

Minutes by Sharron Luttrell