

Board of Trustees of the Taft Public Library Minutes
Taft Public Library, Mendon, MA
Wednesday, February 10, 2016
7:00 PM

Trustees present: Bob Carlson, Amy Fahey, Sharron Luttrell,
Jane Blackwood, Leigh Martin (School Committee), Ellen Agro

Also present: Library Director Andrew Jenrich

I Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Amy Fahey

II Approval of Minutes

January 13 2016 Minutes

MOTION: On a motion of Ellen Agro to approve the January 2016 minutes, seconded by Leigh Martin.

VOTED: Unanimous

III Directors Report

Staff asked about schedule during move. They will likely be able to maintain their hours but in a configuration that makes sense. Before making a decision, Andrew will see how other libraries handled staffing during a move.

Will not be working with Robert H. Lord & Company because they weren't able to work with our donated shelves despite it being standardized shelving that is alterable. Systematics has been great to work with and their pricing is reasonable. The quote for shelves, cutting modification, transportation, installation, final cleaning and lifetime warranty of workmanship, is \$15,455. (Robert H. Lord quoted \$29,000). This money will come from Friends fundraising.

Andrew met with the Fincom in January. He showed them the graph of budget cuts over last 10 years. We are proposing \$211,000 for operations budget, which is not far from our \$205,000 funding in 2007.

The Friends have tabled their June book sale. Too much going on with the library move. Will likely have it in the fall.

IV Budget Report

Andrew presented the budget update. Ninety-nine percent of the programming budget has already been spent.

V Building Committee Report

Working on timeline of project ending. Not much else to report.

VI Fundraising Update

Friends received a \$2,000 donation the other week.

Andrew will talk to CW/Mars about closing access to the collection during the move. Residents ordering materials can pick them up in neighboring libraries.

VII Mendon's 350th anniversary

Amy and Ellen went to the town's 350th anniversary committee meeting. This is a good opportunity for us to connect with the community.

We would like to do a poetry event in April as part of the 350th celebrations.

Jane suggested creating a time capsule for the library.

Trustees discussed donating \$300-\$400 in overdue book fines to the 350th Committee for fireworks. It would come from next fiscal year's dues.

Trustees offered to sell 350th wares in library, hosting a Mendon trivia contest and entering a A Taft library float in the parade.

VIII Future Agenda Items

Next meeting will be held on March 9 at 7:00 PM at the Taft Public Library.

IX Adjournment

MOTION: On a motion of Ellen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jane.

VOTED: Unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Minutes by Sharron Luttrell