

Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

Trustees Meeting Room

ATTENDEES:

Will Adamczyk (Director), Hyacinth Crichlow, Susan Doyle, John Folcarelli, Paul Hayes, Kristine Hodlin, Jaime Lavash, Sindu MeierMichael Musto, Jim Potter (Chairperson)

NON-ATTENDEES: All Present

CITIZENS SPEAK:

None

SECRETARY'S REPORT (5 mins.)

Approval of November 18, 2024 report with one correction.

Hyacinth Crichlow was not in attendance 11/18/24

Special Announcement: Congratulations to Sara Tuog who was appointed Administrative Ass't of the Newbury Book Award Committee for 2025 – 2026! This a prestigious recognition for Sara and the MPL.

The appointment is for 2025-2026....400 books are reviewed for the award and narrowed down to the selection of one book. ST is a nonvoting member and will manage data collection; keeping track of the 6- 8 committee members voting records on the 400 books.... just a few spread sheets!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Building Committee (10 mins.)**
 - Parking update – thank you Kris and Will for all your work on this project.
 - Next step: Select Board and then Town Meeting – create a Parking Committee for fiscal development of Canton Ave., non-union -\$3 million with affordable housing, Highland Avenue - a parking lot with landscaping, \$600,00 for Highland Ave. only
 - All trustees agree to Project 6 and 7

- Cleaning update – moving ahead, currently looking for different companies, looking first for a deep cleaning of building then a maintenance program.
- Budget/Finance Committee
 - Report of FY26 budget – 9.5 million dollars potential override – a level service budget – majority of override...funding school requests, 9 percent increase over last year. 8 years since last override
 - Upcoming meetings – Warrant Committee
 - Capital requests- improvement - Renovating top two floors of CU School
 - Quarterly discussions - Treasurer's Report
- Equity Committee
 - Town initiatives- The Town employee Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee are asking employees for their input as to the type of trainings they would find beneficial for working with the public.
 - September Open House – need to start planning
- Other Reports
 - Study Pods on the way
 - Sound Panels will be installed to lower noise level on the First Floor.
 - Panels will
 - Also lower white and pink noise on the Second Floor.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- Library Director's Report (10 mins.)
 - FY25_budget_review
 - Other_issues – one day liquor license - Trustees unanimously approved a one day, town event only and must be approved by Library Director. "HOOTNANNIES" may be approved by Director.
- State House Update (5 mins.)
 - Freedom_to_Read_legislation – have found sponsors for bills and a lobbyist to assist.
 - Ebook_legislation
 - State_Library_budget
 - Looking for new software for OCLN network – a year from July.
Assessments per library for new network.
- Communications and next steps with Library partners (5 mins.)
- Little Free Libraries update
- Library welcome packet update- email Welcome Letter to new patrons. May follow up with a few more emails, undecided as yet.

- Other – Grace Lynn will be children’s speaker- she is going to be at Eric Carle Museum

NEW BUSINESS

- Policy Review – Arts Rights Policy – Chris moved, seconded all aye
- Policy Review – Safe Child Policy -Chris motioned, Jaime seconded, all aye
- ACTION – Stackpole Scholarships- three scholarships – students work in children’s room for all of their High. School career. Each scholarship is two thousand dollars each. Moved PH, seconded by KH.
- Other New Business

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Future Meetings: February (Committees), March 10, 2025-Trustees Mting.
- Items for future meetings:
 - March – Building Committee, Nominating Committee, Personnel Committee

MOTION to ADJOURN:

8:26 P.M. Motion to adjourn HC, Seconded by PH, Unanimous agreement.

Susan Doyle _____ Date of
Approval _____

Secretary

“The most important asset of any library goes home at night – the library staff.”

Timothy Healy
(1923 -1992. Former President, New York Public Library)

