

Fiske Free Library Trustee Meeting, Wednesday, February 22, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Bill Scala, Bob Arcand, and Arthur Vidro, also present Director Michael Grace and secretary Marta Smith.

Secretary's Report

Read, and Arthur moved to accept it as written, seconded by Bob Arcand.

City Librarians Report

Circulation for the year started off strong with patrons checking out 7, 125 items during the month of January. Computer usage continued to be heavy with patrons using 725 computer and wireless sessions for a total of 572 hours of computer time during the month. Children utilized 95 sessions on the Early Literacy and After School Edge computers in the Children's room in January. 129 items were loaned to other libraries through interlibrary loan and 341 new items were added to the collection. During the month 32 new patrons signed up for library cards. Patrons downloaded 344 items from the library's downloadable books service.

The public computers that were purchased in 2009 with grant funding from the Gates Foundation have been replaced with surplus staff computers that have been reconfigured. The replacement computers have allowed us to offer the latest versions of Windows and Office programs to our patrons.

Children's programs are back beginning in February with Toddler Activity Time on Tuesdays at 10:30 am and LEGO free time on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Other children's programs being offered in February will include STEM workshops on the 21st and 23rd, board games on the 22nd and an introduction to Makey Makey on the 23rd.

Federal and State tax forms are now available at the library. Forms are also available for download from the library website.

Old Business

Election of officers was tabled until the next meeting.

Mike Grace presented three possible budgets as requested by the interim city manager. He also said that the city is looking at a new insurance plan. Bill Scala asked what the percentage increase was for our current insurance plan. The increase is 23%.

Mike Grace said that we have not been told as yet if we can hire a new Children's Librarian.

New Business

The city council has removed the covenants on the Universalist Church so that it can be sold and used for a broader range of activities.

Bob Arcand made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Arthur and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

