

Trustee Meeting, Monday, May 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:23 pm.

Roll Call

Present: George Caccavaro, Robert Arcand, Bill Scala, Sean Magee and Arthur Vidro; also present Director Michael Grace and secretary Marta Smith.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the regular and the special budget meeting were read and Bob Arcand made a motion to accept them as written, seconded by Bill Scala and passed.

Librarian's Report

Patrons checked out 6,925 items during the month, an average of 277 items per day. Patrons used 507 computer sessions and 175 wireless internet sessions for a total of 551 hours of computer time. On average the library provided patrons with 22 hours of computer access per day during April. Approximately 4,000 people visited the library during April for an average of 160 per day. 70 items were loaned to other libraries through interlibrary loan and 578 new items were added to the collection. During April 24 new patrons signed up for library cards and 375 items were downloaded from the library's downloadable books service.

The Children's Department was very busy in April with over 2,300 children's books checked out. Sixty children attended the Children's department's STEM based programs along with our regular story and activity times during April. Children utilized 69 sessions of educational programs for our early learning and after school edge computers.

Also in April the library presented two very informative programs, On the 20th Stephen Collins returned to the library to portray Walt Whitman in a living history presentation. Collins had performed at the library in 2016 as Robert Frost. On the 25th Isa Cann of Tiny Houses Northeast gave an informative overview of the Tiny House movement and the ins and outs of living in a tiny house. Coming up in May the library will be hosting a unique program on the benefits of laughing featuring Certified Laughter Leader Sandra Maisey.

Old Business

George Caccavaro filled Sean Magee in on the budget cuts and what happened at the last city council meeting.

There was a discussion of the legality of using volunteers to replace paid employees and according to the NH RSAs and an employee from the NH Department of Employment it is not only illegal, but it could lead to a lawsuit by the volunteer for back wages.

Robert Arcand asked about the date for the public to speak at the council meeting to defend the budget and Mike Grace said it would be on June 14th at 6:30.

George Caccavaro will contact Mr. Martinez at the Department of Employment and ask for his input on the law regarding volunteers before the June 14th council meeting.

Robert Arcand asked about what the optimum end result would be in regard to the budget. It was decided to push for the return of the 2 positions that the city manager had originally cut from the budget he submitted to the council, and to keep the budget at the 2017 level of funding.

New Business

None

Bob Arcand asked if there should be another meeting before the June 14th city council meeting and it was decided to schedule the next Trustee Meeting for Monday, June 12th.

Bob Arcand made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Arthur Vidro and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.