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Trustee Meeting Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Roll Call

Present: Bill Scala, Pat Leahy, Jim Allen and Cynthia Densmore; also present Director, Michael Grace and Secretary, Marta Smith. Absent: Lauren Simpson and Kelly LeBlanc.

Secretary's Report

Read and Pat Leahy moved to accept, seconded by Bill Scala and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

No report this month

Old Business

- Election of officers
Pat Leahy Nominated Jim Allen as Chair and Cynthia Densmore as Co-Chair and Lauren Simpson as Treasurer-seconded by Bill Scala-voted and accepted.
- Trust Funds- Mike Grace handed out a list of the various trust funds with an explanation of what they were designated to be used for. Pat Leahy asked about the Trustee accounts and what they were used for and where they came from, and Mike Grace explained it for new trustees. Mike Grace brought copies of past budgets-2010 -2014 to show how the process works and how the budget has fluctuated over the years. Pat Leahy asked that the staff prepare a "wish list" for the February meeting.

New Business

Mike Grace shared information about the project that has been completed-scanning vital statistics to be digitized; a company will index them and put them on our website as well as provide us with a copy of the hard drive for around \$400.00. He asked that the trustees pay for it to be done. Bill Scala made the motion to expend the money, seconded by Pat Leahy-voted & passed.

City Librarian's Report

In December patrons checked out 8,157 items, slightly over the December average of 7,900. There were over 4500 patron visits to the library in December. 110 items were loaned to other libraries through interlibrary loan and 308 new items were added to the collection, E-book usage continues to increase with 145 e-books checked out during the month of December. 147 downloadable audio books were also checked out. 29 new patrons signed up for library cards. Patrons used 831 computer sessions during the month for a total of 571 hours of computer usage.

In 2013, the Fiske Free Library's 140th anniversary year, patrons checked out 102,827 items. Although this number is below average for the last 10 years (109,900) it demonstrates a strong and continuing need for quality services in Claremont. In addition to providing materials for check out the library also provided patrons over 7,000 hours of computer usage during 2013. This number does not include the use of the library's wireless network by patrons utilizing their own computers and wireless devices. The library also provided the citizens of Claremont with unique and educational programming during the year including

programs on New England's stone walls, the archeology of cellar holes, the history and symbolism of gravestone carvings, as well as presentations by authors of fiction and non-fiction. As always, programming for children was very strong during 2013. Attendance at story and craft times increased this year as did the participation in the Summer Reading Program.

2014 looks to be a very busy year as the library has a full slate of programs planned to celebrate Claremont's 250th anniversary.

Cynthia Densmore asked if the library was planning any fundraising events for the 250th; she suggested possibly putting together a book of the various activities and programs from this year to sell next year.

Bill Scala made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cynthia Densmore. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.