

Trustee Meeting, Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Called to order at 5:59 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Jim Allen, Cynthia Densmore, and Arthur Vidro. Also present Director, Michael Grace and Secretary, Marta Smith.

Secretary's Report

Read, and Cynthia Densmore moved to accept them, seconded by Jim Allen and so accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Mike Grace presented the end of the year report as Treasurer, Lauren Simpson has resigned. Jim Allen moved to accept it, seconded by Cynthia Densmore and accepted.

Librarian's Report- February 2014

Despite bitter cold and snow February library usage was strong. Patrons checked out 8,302 items during the month. Patrons used 732 computer sessions for a total of 44 hours of computer time.

4,900 people visited the library during February for an average of over 200 per day. 143 items were loaned to other libraries through interlibrary loan and 310 new items were added to the collection. During February 42 new patrons signed up for library cards. A record 346 items were downloaded from the library's downloadable books service.

Children's programs have been well attended since restarting in February. During the month 104 children attended programs in the Children's room. Also during February, Children's Librarian Brenda Tripodes visited Claremont Head Start Center and read stories to the students.

On February 10th the library's Colin Sanborn presented *Tavern Tales: Tories and Stories of Early Claremont* to an overflow audience. Donning dress from the 18th century, Colin portrayed a typical patron of one of Claremont's taverns and regaled the audience with stories from Claremont's early days. A lively question and answer session followed. This program was part of the library's *Making Connections: Recalling the Past, Connecting with the Present* series that will explore accomplishments of Claremonters past and present. The next event in the series will be a performance by the Norwich University Regimental Band & Shock Platoon Drill Team at the Claremont Opera House on March 29th.

On March 15th Russian artist Marina Forbes will return to the library to lead a painting workshop featuring images from the Russian Kremlin.

Old Business

Previously the board had asked the library staff to compile a library "wish list" for trustees to possibly help with. Some of the items on the list were: stove and refrigerator for the staff room, a Keurig coffee maker, new furniture for the children's room, carpet, a parent/child reading chair, a children's literacy/educational computer station, a gas fireplace insert for the upstairs and a picnic table for the cemetery for the staff to use on lunch breaks in good weather. Mike Grace also asked that if they knew anyone in a garden club or the landscaping business it would be good to have someone trim bushes and mulch around them.

The board would consider some of the items on the list, but a few items might be problematic.

New Business

The Claremont City Code was looked at and discussed to see how it defined the powers of the board.

At the next meeting a new Treasurer needs to be elected.

Mike Grace indicated that Colin Sanborn was looking for possible volunteers to help out at the Norwich Band concert. Jim Allen and Cynthia Densmore both volunteered to help out.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 16th at 6pm.

Cynthia Densmore made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Arthur Vidro, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.