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Trustee Meeting Wednesday, August 21, 2013

Called to order at 6:10 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Cynthia Densmore, Jim Allen, Lauren Simpson, Marty Davis. Also present, Director Michael Grace and Secretary Marta Smith.

Secretary's Report

Read and Cynthia Densmore moved to accept, 2nded by Jim Allen, and passed.

August 12th "meeting" Report

Read, Cynthia Densmore moved to accept, 2nded by Lauren Simpson, accepted.

Treasurer's Report

No report this month

Old Business

- Status of boiler- in process
- Landscape Design/changes-in progress
- Alternative Trustees need to reapply October 1st.
- Marty Davis recommended approaching Log Cabin Nursery for a proposal of a design and have the Friends or Trustees fund it.
- There was a discussion about having trustee approval before funds are transferred to the library account, but the money isn't disbursed that way-checks are written directly to the vendors when invoices come in.
- LCHIP Grants, Marty Davis asked if the library would be pursuing any at this time and Mike Grace said that we would not.
- Marty Davis asked about plans to be ready on October 1st to help patrons with choosing healthcare coverage under the Affordable Care Act. Marta Smith and Mike Grace said that they would help patrons in the same way they help with any other reference question; give them the direction to find the information or help they need, but not tell them what to choose and not do it for them.
- Marty Davis asked if we have and provide workshops on New Hampshire Advanced care guide. We do not.

New Business

- Bylaws- Marty Davis will complete the bylaws and have them ready for next month.

City Librarian's Report

July turned out to be the busiest month of the year so far with 9,420 items checked out. Just over 6,500 people visited the library during July, an average of 313 per day. This is the highest daily traffic count since March of 2008. Patrons used 910 computer sessions for a total of 605 hours of computer usage for the month. Patrons used 29 hours of computer time per day during July.

123 items were loaned to other libraries through interlibrary loan and 403 new items were added to the collection. Patrons downloaded 138 audiobooks and 122 ebooks from our downloadable book service,

This year's reading program, "Dig into Reading" was a huge success with over 427 children attending events during July. In addition to musical performances by Rick Goldin and Tom Seiling, and our very popular craft programs, we were honored to have Duncan McDougall of The Children's Literacy Foundation visit the library. Mr. McDougall told stories and gave out 2 new books each to over 100 children. The books were provided free by the foundation as part of their mission to "help keep reading a part of children's lives during summer vacation."

The final event of this year's summer reading program had to be rescheduled. Simon Brooks, Storyteller, will be visiting the library on August 16th at 1:00.

The next meeting will be on September 18th at 6 pm.