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Trustee Meeting Wednesday, March 20, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Jim Allen, Henry Normandin, Cynthia Densmore and Marty Davis. Also present Library Director Mike Grace and Secretary Marta Smith.

Secretary's Report

The report was read and Jim Allen made a motion to accept it, seconded by Henry Normandin and passed.

Treasurer's Report

None

Old Business

- New Website- we are waiting for the city website upgrade to be done.
- Periodicals- Marty Davis asked about bringing in donated magazines and Mike Grace said that he had talked to staff about it and there really wasn't enough room for display or storage. He said that we had just renewed subscriptions for about 10 magazines and we will be keeping it at what we currently have for now. Marty Davis wanted to try a small collection of donated magazines for a set period of time to see how it went. He asked staff to think about it for the next meeting.
- Art in the library- Melissa Richmond will be contacting Mike Grace to talk about it.
- Friends of the library meeting, Marty Davis will contact them about it.
- Landscape Maintenance- No Progress
- Retreat- Tabled until the next meeting

New Business

Marty Davis asked about using a conscience jar at the desk instead of charging fines. Mike Grace explained that a conscience jar might work well in a small library, but it would not be good here. We currently take in a substantial amount so we will continue with our current method.

Part-time hours- Marty Davis asked about plans after July 1st for part-time hours and Mike Grace said we would most likely be going back to Wednesday opening.

Jim Allen and Marty Davis talked about their meeting with the Keene Public Library librarian. Several things make their situation different than ours-support from a City Manager who values libraries, more space and meeting rooms and a bigger budget, besides being a college town.

- Goals for 2013- Jim Allen and Marty Davis asked about the possibility of developing a strategic plan and Marty Davis asked that Mike Grace revisit the idea before the next meeting.
- Marty Davis suggested going through the policy manual to revise outdated items.

Librarian's Report

Checkouts for February totaled slightly below average at 8,310 for the month. Patrons used 848 computer sessions for a total of 558 hours of computer time during the month. 92 items were loaned to other libraries through interlibrary loan and 624 new items were added to the collection. During the month 47 new patrons signed up for library cards. Over 5,000 people visited the library during February for an average of 270 per day.

Children's programs resumed in February with Pre-School Story Time on Mondays and Toddler Activity Time on Tuesdays. 54 Children attended these programs during the month. Also visiting the Children's Room during February was a Children's Literature class from the River Valley Community College and a group of campers from the Recreation Center. Coming up on March 21st the library is again hosting New Hampshire author Guntis Goncarovs who will be discussing his new historical novel about the sinking of the Maine. Other programs being planned for spring include programs on New England's stone walls and cellar holes; stalking the wild moose; and the politics of food and farming.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 17, 2013.

Henry Normandin moved to adjourn, 2nded by Cynthia Densmore, meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.