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Trustee meeting Wednesday, May 15, 2013

The Meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

### **Roll Call**

Present: Henry Normandin, Jim Allen, Cynthia Densmore, Lauren Simpson, Marty Davis, Kelly LeBlanc, also present Director, Michael and Secretary, Marta Smith.

### **Secretary's Report**

Read and Laurel Simpson made the motion to accept it as written, seconded by Cynthia Densmore, and accepted.

### **Treasurer's Report**

No report this month

### **Old Business**

Kelly LeBlanc said that the city website would be up and running within the week. Final paperwork was being done.

Marty Davis indicated that he had asked Bruce Temple to wait on mowing the lawn until the daffodils had gone by and Michael Grace advised him that he should not speak to city departments about work at the library because it was his job and we had been complaining about the fact that the city had not done the lawn work yet.

Marty Davis said that he and a neighbor would be down to work on the yews on the weekend of 5/ 18/2013, and that Pat Leahy was planning to do some weeding of the flower beds.

The 4-H leader will take care of the flowers in the new planters.

After a discussion of a program whereby a patron could buy a book through the library, take it home and read it and bring it back when they were done with it so we could add it to our collection; it was decided that the idea was good, but would probably only be workable in a small library. A program to give books to children during the holidays was also discussed and deemed workable and Lauren Simpson suggested tabling the discussion until September at which time the plan would be implemented. The library and trustees would work with local agencies in order to reach children who might not be able to come to the library.

Marty Davis asked about the status of repairs to the boiler and Mike Grace said that we would most likely be taking bids later in the year. Marty Davis also asked if the library would be

connected to the underground multi-department heating system and Mike Grace said that there had not been any discussion to that effect. Marty Davis then asked if there was any possibility of sharing heat with the fire department which has way more heating capacity than they need for just their building.

Lauren Simpson asked if anyone had ever asked for the library to provide a changing station in the bathrooms. Mike Grace said that we hadn't had anyone ask, but that there was room for one in the upstairs bathroom.

### **New Business**

Marty Davis asked if the library ever applied for grants. Mike Grace said that we had occasionally in the past, but that grants for libraries are not that plentiful. Marty Davis mentioned that the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts has been successful in obtaining grants and that it might be worthwhile for the library to look into it.

Mike Grace said that the trust fund money had been disbursed and was being put to good use.

### **City Librarian's Report**

Circulation for April continued to be below average with 8,908 items checked out versus an April average of 9,500. However, April circulation improved over last year's April total of 8,598. Just over 5,500 people visited the library during the month, an average of 252 per day. Computer usage continues to be heavy with patrons using 988 computer sessions for a total of 682 hours of computer usage during the month. 121 items were loaned to other libraries through interlibrary loan and 491 new items were added to the collection. The library registered 39 new patrons during the month.

The library hosted two excellent programs during April. On the 18<sup>th</sup> Kevin Gardner presented an informative program on the history and craft of New England stone walls. On the 25<sup>th</sup> Ron Krupp, author of *Lifting the Yoke* presented a program on local and sustainable farming. During school vacation week the library hosted Eric Herman the Music Man who delivered a fun program of music and dance for kids. Coming up on May 9<sup>th</sup> the library will be hosting a program by Adair Mulligan on cellar holes entitled: *A Walk Back in Time: the Secrets of Cellar Holes*.

Toddler activity time in the Children's Room continues to be well attended. Also, the Children's Room hosted two visiting groups of Girl Scouts during the month of April.

Lauren Simpson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cynthia Densmore and the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

The next meeting will be on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M.