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Trustee Meeting Tuesday, November 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Jim Allen, Henry Normandin, Lauren Simpson and Marty Davis. Also present, City Director Michael Grace and Secretary, Marta Smith.

Secretary's Report

Read and Henry Normandin made a motion to accept it as written seconded by Jim Allen, and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Lauren Simpson presented a quarterly report and Jim Allen moved to accept it, seconded by Henry Normandin and passed.

Old Business

The email program has not been implemented yet and will be done after the budget has been passed.

New Business

- Budget- Marty Davis went over the information he has sent to the city council. He also said that he had drafted a letter about the canceled magazines that suggested that people think about donating any that they might like to have in the library. He also asked about possibly doing more fundraising.
- Support for the budget- Michael Grace indicated that even if the trustees were at the budget presentation they would not be allowed to speak about it at the first meeting. The public input portion will take place in another 2 weeks. So it was suggested that as many supporters of the library as possible be at the November 28 meeting.
- Donations- Lauren Simpson suggested a display or poster in the library to promote the idea of donating books in memory of family members.

The next Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 19th at 6 pm.

City Librarian's Report

Circulation during October continued to be below average with 8,900 items checked out.

October circulation averages 9,400 items. Patrons used 950 computer sessions for a total of 670 hours of computer time. 154 items were loaned to other libraries through interlibrary loan and 347 new items were added to the collection. Patrons downloaded 98 audio books and 80 e-books from our downloadable books service.

The library took part in the State of New Hampshire's Big Read Program during October. Our Pizza and Poe program was a big success drawing people of all ages. Students from Stevens High drama department appeared in costume and recited passages from Poe's works as well as scenes from their production of "Nevermore". Other attendees of the program were inspired to get up and read from Poe's poetry and prose works. A discussion of Poe's life and death ensued. Also during the month the library gave away to our patrons 50 copies of collections of Poe's works. Unfortunately, Hurricane Sandy forced us to cancel our wrap up program of Poe.

During October the library also hosted a pumpkin program for children and adults which resulted in a large number of creative and scary pumpkins. The library along with the library Board of Trustees hosted an open house for the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association.

Lauren Simpson moved to adjourn, seconded by Jim Allen and the meeting adjourned at 7 pm.