

Minutes of the Amherst Library Trustee Meeting  
January 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 PM by Nancy Baker. Also attending were Kathy Brundage, William Cassidy, Robin Julian, Kimberly Ayers, Library Director, Amy Lapointe and Alternate Dick Martini.

**Guests:** none

The minutes of the December meeting unanimously approved.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- **Statistics:** Circulation is still down from last year, while attendance, due to popular programming events, is up.
- **Programming:** The *Music in the Afternoon with Amherst Piano Students* background music in the children's room was a nice addition, and several more have been scheduled throughout the month.  
The *Art Security Expert Anthony Amore on International Art Crime* program was a huge success, garnering more interest than any other single program held before.  
Upcoming afternoon technology programs on *Exploring the iPad*, *Succeeding on Craigslist*, and *Mastering Facebook* have already had a very high response. These programs are given by outside people.  
Other upcoming programs:  
Tues. Jan. 20 - *Dark Tide: The Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919*  
Tues. Feb. 3 - *Ella Fitzgerald*  
Sun. Feb. 8 - *Boston Sax Quartet*  
Tues. Feb. 10 - *Harlem Renaissance*
- **Collection:** nothing new to report
- **Town:**  
Wednesday 2/4 is the Deliberative Session.  
We will prepare informational slides to present at deliberative session, if needed. Amy will forward her draft to the board.
- **Building:** The carpeting will be finished on MON 1/18 while the library is closed for Martin Luther King Jr. day.  
Amy contacted Geodecke for window treatment quote and we are awaiting their response.
- **Friends of the Library:** 1/27 is the bus trip to the MFA; 3/28 is Trivia Night which will be held at Hampshire Hills this year. The FOL is seeking \$100 donations for Student Art Show framing. The Library Trustees will field a team for Trivia Night again this year.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

We are in very good shape.

Our investment which was \$58K as of 1/2014 is \$68,777 as 1/2015, an 18% gain.

**Gifts:**

(1) \$50 from David Goldsmith

(2) Pictures from the Nipmugs – 6 framed pictures, 5 of the library, 1 of the doors of Amherst. Kathy moved to accept the gifts, Robin seconded, and the gifts were unanimously approved.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

**Building and Grounds:** nothing to report

**Technology:** nothing to report

**Town Annual Report:** Nancy B. submitted the Library report to the town for inclusion in the Annual Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Space Planning:** trying to schedule the second window treatment visit. Still waiting for prices for the upholstered chairs. The Trustees have all been getting positive feedback on the new layout.

The automatic check out upstairs is now operational.

**Mineral Collection/Recreation Dept status update:** Tom Mortimer would like a check for \$500 made out to B & B Expressions.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Amy's maternity leave preparations:** We will discuss this next month.

**Budget:** The trustees headed to the 6:30 BOS budget meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Ayers, Secretary

**Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, February 18, 2014**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Tuesday, January 27: FOL MFA trip

Saturday, March 28: FOL Trivia Night

*The minutes were accepted as submitted on February 18, 2015.*

APPENDIX

