

Wadleigh Memorial Library Trustees Meeting
Trustee Meeting June 22, 2011

Present: *Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.*

Mary Burdett, Chair; Tim Barr, Chris Costantino, Edith March, Kristy Popp, Sarah Sandhage. Joel Tafford, facility manager. Michelle Sampson, Director. Jim Wetherbee, plumbing contractor

May Meeting: *Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.*

Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's report – *I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble.*

Reviewed and accepted

Director's report *The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of tiny pushes of each honest worker.*

Stats: Circulation

Circ through MAY	2010	2011	% Change
General Circ	108,060	103,364	4.3% decrease
Downloadable audio & ebooks	940	1592	69% increase
Total Circ	109,000	104,956	3.7% decrease

Stats: People Counter

People Counter	2010	2011	% Change
Through MAY	80,888	68,010	15.9% decrease*

Stats: Public PCs

Through MAY	2010	2011	% Change
Wireless	n/a*	878	
Public PCs	10,302	8432*	
Total through MAY	10,302	9,310	9.6% decrease

Personnel – *It is a terrible thing to see and have no vision.*

- On a motion and with unanimous approval, Michelle will hire Kim Galbert as reference librarian. Start date is June 29, 2011
- Next staff meeting is July 7

Facilities/Collections - *People do not like to think. If one thinks, one must reach conclusions. Conclusions are not always pleasant.*

- 91 Nashua Street
 - a. Joel has worked hard to come up with proposals from contractors for the demolition of 91 Nashua Street
 - b. Based on his recommendation, the trustees have asked Michelle to hire Envirovantage to do the required asbestos and lead abatement study. The estimated cost is \$2500.00. This company is recommended by Leighton White Construction.

- c. A representative from Leighton White will be at the July meeting to answer questions about the actual removal of the hazardous materials and the demo of the building.
- Jim Wetherbee, plumber, answered questions about his proposal to fix the drainage problems with the library gutters. He will dig up the area to the north side of the Nashua Street door and along the front of the building to lay new pipe, if needed, to direct the gutter flow from the property to the storm drain located near to north corner of the property. He thinks that there is a dry well located around the tree, which isn't handling the flow. The trustees made a motion and it was approved unanimously for him to start the work. The proposed cost is \$3200.00, but he is authorized to spend up to \$5,000.00 to fix the problem.

Programs: *Toleration is the greatest gift of the mind; it requires the same effort of the brain that it takes to balance oneself on a bicycle.*

- **Children's:** Summer Reading theme this year is "One World, Many Stories." Kickoff event with magician Peter Boie (June 23 @ Amato Center-ticketed); PJ Storytime (June 27); Preschool Red, White & Blue Party (June 29); Drop in Crafternoon (June 30); Ronald's Reading Adventure (July 5); Wild About Turtles (July 7); Make it, Take it Craft & Snack from Asia (July 11); Klutz Build-a-book (July 11); Wingmasters Live Birds of Prey (July 13).
- **YA:** Teen Summer Reading theme is "You are Here" and includes passports, etc. Kickoff event is Teen Luau (June 23); You are Here—India (June 30); Chicks with Sticks Book Club reads *A Brief History of Montmaray* by Michelle Cooper (July 7); You are Here—Mexico (July 8); Wii Wednesday (July 13).
- **Adult:** Tri-town Book Group series returns. 1st book is Howard Frank Mosher's *Stranger in the Kingdom* (June 28 in Milford); 2nd book is *Primary Storm* by Brendan DuBois (July 26 in Wilton); final book is *Bellows Falls* by Archer Mayor (Aug 23 in Mont Vernon).

Other – *All the world is full of suffering. It is also full of overcoming.*

- Milfordopoly – trustees authorized Michelle to spend \$325.00 to "buy" a property on a new Milfordopoly game board which the MHS Marching Band is making for a uniform fund raiser.
- Friends meet June 22nd @ 7pm
- Annual NELA Conference in Burlington, VT, October 2-4, 2011. Cost for 2 to attend (hotel, conference fee, mileage, meals w/ per diem of \$60) = \$1250.
- Development Fund – Michelle updated the DF on the renovation/expansion progress

Renovation/Expansion Planning *True happiness... is not attained through self-gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.*

- Mary will send an email to the trustees when a meeting date is set with Richard Smith, architect, to go over his renderings and prepare for the August 17 CIP hearing.

Long Range Plan – *The heresy of one age becomes the orthodoxy of the next*
Michelle still needs to assemble a long range planning staff team.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 *We could never learn to be brave and patient, if there were only joy in the world.*

Next meeting is July19, 2011. Edith will bring pizza.

Minutes prepared by Chris Costantino with assistance from Helen Keller