

Wadleigh Memorial Library Trustees' Meeting

November 16, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at Wadleigh Memorial Library.

Present: *A man only learns in two ways, one by reading, and the other by association with smarter people.*

Mary Burdett, Chair; Tim Barr, Chris Costantino, Edith March, Kim Paul, Kristie Popp, Michelle Sampson, Library Director. Tim Finan, BOS representative

Minutes: *Ancient Rome declined because it had a Senate, now what's going to happen to us with both a House and a Senate?*

Approved with corrections

Treasurer's Report: *Even though you are on the right track - you will get run over if you just sit there.*

Approved as presented

Stats: Circulation

Circ through OCT	2010	2011	% Change
General Circ	223,077	211,649	5.1 % decrease
Downloadable audio & ebooks	2044	3107	52 % increase
Total Circ	225,121	214,756	4.6% decrease

Stats: People Counter

People Counter	2010	2011	% Change
Through OCT	161,462	132,233	18 % decrease

Stats: Public PCs

Through OCT	2010	2011	% Change
Wireless	969*	1657	
Public PCs	20,930	17,886	
Total through OCT	21,899	19,543	10.76 % decrease

Personnel *Diplomacy is the art of saying "Nice doggie" until you can find a rock.*

- Discussion concerning the Children's Librarian position. On a motion by Mary, seconded by Tim; the trustees authorized Michelle to offer the position of Children's Librarian to one of the two top applicants with the salary of \$40,290 and benefits. Tim and Michelle will call the references listed on Jennifer Wharton's resume.
- Staff meeting – Susan Meade of Greater Nashua Mental Health Center attended the last staff meeting. The session was very helpful to the staff. Michelle will have her back at the next staff meeting in January.
- Mary Beth Choquette and Joan Bajek have requested that any gifts in honor of their retirement be given to SHARE in their names. Michelle will put an article in the paper and on Facebook about their retirement. For staff and trustees: celebration to be held at the library on Friday, December 16 @ 6pm (snow date: Sat., Dec. 17th @ 2pm).
- Staff holiday gifts – Toadstool gift certificates of \$50.00.

Facilities/Collections *Don't let yesterday use up too much of today.*

- Cracked window outside the children's room has been fixed.
- Heavy library use during the Halloween snowstorm: double the normal numbers. There was a total of 1758 people for the two days for an average of 80 people coming through the doors every hour of the 22 service hours (or roughly 1.3 people every single minute for 22 hours straight).

Systems *Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.*

- Kim Gabert submitted an order for 5 new laptops as part of our computer replacement plan. The replaced ones will be kept for a brief time for replacement parts.

Programs *If Stupidity got us into this mess, then why can't it get us out?*

- September Project: 15-16 large boxes of letters and goodies were shipped to Nick Spinosa—our adopted marine—and his unit last week. Michelle contacted Nick via Facebook to notify him of the package shipment. Nick is very excited about receiving the packages for his unit.

Of Interest *We can't all be heroes, because somebody has to sit on the curb and applaud when they go by.*

- Michelle received a grant from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. The donor is a former resident of Milford who wishes to honor the memory of Mary Evelyn Quinn, a longtime resident of Milford. The condition of the \$10,000 grant is that the funds be spent to foster a closer connection between the elderly and the library. Michelle will mail the proposal that she sent to the grantor to the trustees.
- Acoustic Café is this weekend
- Michelle is leaving for vacation on Sat after Thanksgiving.
- PLA is in Philadelphia in March 2012. Michelle will be going to Pakistan as part of a Rotary International Team. They will be assisting local efforts in polio awareness and children's literacy.

Ongoing Discussions *So let's be honest with ourselves and not take ourselves too serious, and never condemn the other fellow for doing what we are doing every day, only in a different way.*

- Social media policy – Kristie met with Tim Finan to discuss the policy. Public disclosure laws trump freedom of speech. There are still some clarifications needed about the relationship between the library and the town. Still many versions to go – nothing we need to vote on.
- CIP – Tim dropped off the renovation packet containing a cover letter, cost analysis, and the renderings. Next step is to meet with the board of selectmen to update them on the status and to request assistance from the Facilities Committee.
- Fundraiser – Sarah will take the lead on directing the fundraiser. Mary called Bill Dunlap, who isn't doing fundraising anymore. Mary will follow up on the leads from Bill Dunlap. Once she has some names, each of the trustees will do background research to find another fundraiser candidate.
- 29 Nashua Street – Mike, Mary and Tim met to discuss the next move concerning the 29 Nashua Street property. Mary has been working to find a contact with Sun Trust Mortgage.
- Long Range Plan – not much more progress has been made. Questions have been generated for the survey. Mary directed Michelle to have the survey set by December 20th, the date of our next meeting. Tim asked that Michelle clear enough time to sit down with Mary Beth to get her input for future planning before she retires.

Pizza *It's a good thing we don't get all the government we pay for.*

Sarah will bring pizza for next meeting.

Meeting *You've got to go out on a limb sometimes because that's where the fruit is.*

Adjourned at 9:10. Next meeting December 20

Bonus Quote (couldn't resist!!) *Instead of giving money to found colleges to promote learning, why don't they pass a constitutional amendment prohibiting anybody from learning anything? If it works as good as the Prohibition one did, why, in five years we would have the smartest race of people on earth.*