

Minutes of the Board of Library Trustees –September 17, 2009 – 7:11 PM  
Brookline, NH

Present: Ed Cook                                      Louise Price                                      Betsy Solon (7:30 pm)  
            John Lindgren                                  Helen Ballou                                      Myra Emmons, Director

Myra distributed copies of the 2010 budget proposal that she had prepared.

There was a discussion about the town portion of the library budget. Myra spoke with Holland again and confirmed their quote for carpeting and installation. They will drop off samples. Myra will double check about the grade of the carpeting. Devine Flooring submitted a quote for carpet squares. Myra will update the board at the October meeting.

Water testing and furnace maintenance needs to be done this year and the charcoal filter should be checked. Myra will contact Brian Fessenden about a faulty magnetic holdback. The board decided against a dumpster.

The board discussed the library budget. Myra will bring prices for phone systems to the next meeting and she will check with One Communications and Hello Direct for information/resources. Russ would like to upgrade the internet broadband speed.

Myra will order the book cart that the board approved last year.

Myra will contact the police department about information about panic buttons which may be installed on each floor.

Myra will bring a value of service report, museum pass usage statistics, and a list of people and businesses who have donated goods/services to the library this year to the Selectmen's meeting on October 26.

Ed will investigate automated counters for the library for counting the amount of people who come to the library every day.

There was a discussion about hiring a page for the summer to help out during the summer reading program. It was determined that the library is getting busier overall but especially so in the summer. Volunteerism needs to be promoted and summer Saturday hours could be used.

Betsy will provide figures for four more staff hours per week in the event that the 0% salary increase is changed. Betsy will send updated expenditures to Myra. Myra will update her budget report and email it to the library board by Monday, September 21, 2009. Betsy will send it to Rena by September 28.

**Upon motion by Helen, seconded by Louise, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.** The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Ballou