

Minutes of The Board of Library Trustees – January 9, 2007 – 7:00 PM
Brookline, NH

Present: Eleanor Amidon Helen Ballou
 Russell Heinselman Jodi Tochko
 Loring Webster

BPL Policy Manual

The Brookline Public Library policy manual was discussed from page 15 to page 20. Loring distributed the revised sections, 1-7.

November Minutes

Upon motion by Loring, seconded by Russ, it was moved to accept the minutes of The Board of Library Trustees' meeting of November 14, 2006 as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

For the period ending December 31, 2006, the Treasurer's Report shows a balance of \$33,421.92. The report was accepted.

Old Business

Repairs-Jodi reported that Clarence Farwell examined the damage to the wall. There have been no further leaks. Jodi will pursue this further and get quotes for repairs.

Facilities Committee- The public forum, held in December, was a success. Quite a few people were in attendance and some interesting ideas were raised concerning the ball field, safety, and the overall cost of a new library. Another informational forum will be held in February. The Selectmen are working on an option to buy for the selected lot which will be presented as a warrant article at Town Meeting in March.

Web Access- Russ investigated the costs of web browsing/web access. The initial start up costs are anywhere between \$5,000 -\$9,000. Yearly costs are in the vicinity of \$1,200. There are also significant security issues to consider.

Steeple-Jodi will ask where the funding for the steeple repair will come from.

Water-Jodi followed up with Mark Suprenaut at Skillings & Sons about the cost of the water filtration. The reverse osmosis system costs approximately \$2,055. Adding another filter bin, including materials and labor, is approximately \$450. It was agreed upon to go the more economical route.

New Business

Budget Hearing-Russ distributed the Library's formal budget for 2007, for review. The Budget Hearing will be on January 29, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Jodi will compile a list of necessary repairs and amounts for the Budget Committee to consider, including the steeple repairs, scraping and painting the flagpole, upgrading the water filtration, and repairs to the wall.

Hours- A question was raised about expanding or changing the Library's hours. It will be an issue that will be carefully considered this year.

Circulation Totals- The 2006 circulation totals were 56,185, up from the 2005 total of +/-46,000. The Library loaned out 754 volumes to the Interlibrary Loan system.

Trustees-Two terms are expiring this year (Russ and Barbara). The filing period is Jan. 24-Feb. 2. Russ is planning to file for re-election.

Library Website- Russ recommended listing only the names of the Trustees and staff members on the library website. The term expiration dates for the Trustees could also be listed. Jodi will ask Betsy to make the necessary changes.

2007 Holidays- The holiday schedule of closings for the Library is as follows:

January 1

February 19

May 28

July 4

September 3

October 8

November 22 & 23

December 24 & 25

December 31

Upon motion by Russ, seconded by Loring, the holiday list was adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

Upon motion by Loring, seconded by Russ, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen J. Ballou