

NORTH ADAMS PUBLIC LIBRARY
TRUSTEES MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

Present: Harris Elder, Rich Remsberg, Donald Pecor, Robin Martin, Nicole Gordon, Hulda Jowett, Rich Taskin and Library Director, Mindy Hackner. Guest Bonnie Rennell, the Pres. of the Library Friends, Tara Jacobs and Jack Guerino, reporter for iBerkshires, were present. The meeting was called to order by Harris Elder at 3:05 PM.

Minutes of the June meeting were read a motion was made and seconded to accept them.

Director's Report:

- Mindy read from both Director reports (see attached). Rich Remsberg asked about the books donated by Angela Crowley, and Mindy and Bonnie told him the Friends have checked for first editions and local history items. The Friends are careful to check for valuable items when donations come in. Mindy will call Greenfield about cloud printing to see if it would work for our library patrons with laptops of their own.

Financial Report: Mindy presented two reports (see attached). She anticipates the same State Aid as last year.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the director's reports, and the financial report as read.

Statistics are down about 10% but this seems typical of all libraries. Rich suggested gathering comments when holding a program to give us a better idea of what our patrons want.

New Business: Service dogs in the library. Robin reported a problem with people bringing pets into the library and asked for a small handout for staff to give out with the definition of a "Service Animal" to avoid confusion among staff. The board voted on a sign to be placed on the front entrance to read "Service Animals Welcome".

Friends: Bonnie reports the annual book sale will be September 22 & 23.

Open Forum: Mindy asked if we would be interested in hosting a Legislative Breakfast and the board agreed. Also she told us that the Cultural Council will be creating a Cultural Corridor and would like a representative from the library involved. Rich Remsberg will represent us with Mindy attending if Rich is away on business.

Tara Jacobs presented an idea for raising money for the refurbishment of the cupola. She, along with her several of her friends, suggested having the doors stored at the library painted by local artists and auctioned at an event with a "Doors" tribute band. Hulda suggested other fundraising before any grants are applied for.

Meeting adjourned at 4:06 and Mindy gave a tour of the cupola. Next meeting October 11 at 3pm
Respectfully, Robin Martin

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