

MINUTES

Attleboro Public Library

Board of Trustees

8/3/2017 6:07 PM | *Meeting called to order by Charlie Oliver*

In Attendance

Trustees: Linda Binns, Vic Bonneville, John Carty, Charlie Oliver

Staff: Joan Pilkington-Smyth

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes from September 13 reviewed. Vote postponed to September.

Business Required by Law: None

Treasurer's Report

Balance in checking account as of September 30 was \$13,310.00. A dispersement of \$5,869 was transferred to the checking account on June 30 from the Milford-Bliss Fund. Warrant #4 was reviewed. Vote postponed until September.

Committee Reports: None

Director's Report

APL was the second highest SAILS in-house location for loans in September and the top email loan library.

SAILS has a new program that may be able to replace Constant Contact in the future.

The AC system died the first week in September and it cannot be repaired. The second floor leak has been repaired. A plaster preservationist has met with Joan to look at the decorative molding on the second floor. Pieces are falling off and it is presumed that there is lead in the paint. If that is the case it may require someone who is certified to deal with lead paint to do the repairs.

Big Read activities continue in the city. The Blackinton Inn will be the site of a discussion cocktail party. Footworks is co-sponsoring the event by providing the funding for the hors d'oeuvres. The final event will be a dinner at AHS on October 26. Rotary has co-sponsored this event with a \$500 contribution.

Friends of the APL are planning a fundraiser in the spring. The event will tentatively be called “April in Paris”. The mayor has offered to help the library acquire a liquor license for the event. Joan asked the board to think about how the proceeds from the event should be used.

The \$19,500 check from the Attleboro Foundation has arrived for the Tech Lab.

The library will once again offer Food for Fines in November and December.

The library is in the process of modifying its meeting room procedure. Instances of double booking rooms have occurred recently due to some organizations failing to fill out the proper paper work. In the future, a group requesting a room will no longer be allowed to choose their space. The library will assign room based on the size of the meeting, their technology needs and the number of staff present on that given day.

34 of the 40 overdue items have been returned by the patron discussed at last month’s meeting. The library will continue to press for the return of all items.

The library is planning on putting a list of books depicting various cultures. This is in response to the issue raised by Dr Seuss books and how they depict various nationalities. The list would be to guide parents in choosing books they feel would be appropriate for their children.

Carrie Sylvia is on maternity leave.

Joan Pilkington-Smyth announced her retirement. She is planning on leaving in late April or early May.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned 6:53pm.

Next meeting on November 8, 2017.