

Minutes February 21, 2017

In Attendance:

Charlie Goodspeed

Jen Chapman

Michelle Wheeler

Ben Brown

Michelle Hogan

Kelly Duffy

Monica Dechico

Matthew Kiritsy

Sean Morgan

Josh White

Meeting called to order 7:05

Treasurer's Report:

One thing that was questioned and figured out involved the part time salaries, but that's because some of the January's pays were coming out of December. So, it looked like it was a bit over-budget, but it all evened out because January will come out lower. It all balanced out and we actually came in under-budget.

The new projector was put under technology budget and the floor screen was in office budget. We received a substantial donation from the Ploeg's for summer reading.

Secretary's Report:

Motion to accept secretary's report

Director's Report:

We were up in every area compared to last year. There were a few more downloads last year, but overall we're at or above the numbers from last year.

Ben suggested that we remove the "overdue fines" line and the "trustee fund" line from the Director's report.

We were only closed three days in January and they were all scheduled holidays.

Windows have been started and Ben wants approval to start carpet cleaning. The board approved this. There was a question as to whether or not we should wait to do the carpets until after we do the ceilings.

Ben suggested that we hire someone to shovel snow if there is snow on the weekends when the town doesn't cover it.

Programs:

A new book group will be meeting tomorrow night at 7pm. Members will choose the books (so not just mystery books for this group).

In the Mystery Group there are five or six members. March 10th meditation course 5:30 - 8:30, basic techniques of meditation. Registration is requested (call, email or drop in, or Facebook).

March 14th the knitting and handiwork group will meet 6-8pm. New Hampshire Humanities 3/31 7:00pm it will be accompanied by a slide show of the history of brewing in New Hampshire and possibly a beer tasting. March 6th at 7pm is the meeting about the extension (trustees, Friends of the Library, UNH students, as well as the general public).

During Feb break 2/27 baking party, 3/1 birds of prey 11am, March 2nd is Dr. Seuss' birthday, March 3rd Lamprey River presentation

The Irish History program this month had a strong turnout (28 people)

UNH Students came to speak about the proposed library renovations:

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- Old Fire Station Demolition (reusing bricks)
- Outdoor and greenhouse space
- Would keep the old facade and build on

Important features:

- Input from library staff (computer/media room)
- Large function room including storage and a kitchenette
- Greenhouse

New computer services

- Touch screen interactive maps (hiking maps, bike paths etc)
- Digital flyers

Function Room

- Full computer and projector capabilities
- Kitchenette
- Printing services

Floor plans presented

Moving desk so that it has an open view of the floor, the stairs etc.

Bathrooms upstairs (men's and women's)

Computer area

Private room
Greenhouse
Garden patio

Downstairs most of it will look the same, but there will be an added function room and storage shed on the extension

The proposed Children's Room entrance would be moved over so that it's handicapped accessible (right now it's not easy to access because of the landing, the size of the bathrooms etc). It would also allow the function room to be accessed after hours.

Question was raised about study spaces for tutoring etc. The Private Room could probably be partitioned off as necessary so that more than one pair of people could use it.

Discussion ensued about the value of a greenhouse vs. the loss of shelf space (is it an extravagance or would it be a valuable addition?) A grant would cover a portion of the greenhouse.

Downstairs:

Storage Shed - to store books, etc. Suggestion would be to include a door from the function room to the storage shed so it could be accessible in the winter etc. Discussion regarding shed storage vs. using that space for more private study space (this would only work if we didn't have the greenhouse; with the greenhouse we'd have to have that space as storage).

Meeting with UNH March 6th at 7pm to look at plans and discuss possibilities for renovations.

Other Business: Michelle checked on staff evaluations

Adjourned to Executive Session pursuant to RSA 91- A:3, Paragraph II and RSA 91 ---A;3, paragraph II -- c to discuss personnel issues. 8:15.