

Thomas Memorial Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of meeting: Thursday, March 15, 2007 @ 7:00 P.M.

In Attendance:

Evan Roth, *Chair*

Ed Nadeau, *Secretary*

Penny Olsen, Nancy O'Sullivan, and Deborah Tillman Stone, *Trustees*

Jay Scherma, *Library Director*

Absent: Nancy Marshall (away), Pat Bredenberg (away)

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the February 13th meeting were reviewed, and accepted as is.

Library Director's Report (February 2007): Report accepted as is.

Old Business:

o Facilities Subcommittee:

Ed & Jay

- Jay contacted Facilities Department and was assured that the shingles that blew off in the October storm have been replaced.
- Nancy O. inquired about the possibility of the library being transferred to the state as part of the Baldacci school reorganization plan.
Numerous alternatives are in the legislative pipe line. Transferring the library to the state seems unlikely, though we will continue to monitor the situation.
- As advocates of the TML, we will monitor the progress of the Comprehensive Plan through the Town Council review and approval process.
- Ed & Jay will schedule a walk around inspection of the interior of the building and produce a report for the board.

o Reciprocal borrowing arrangement w/South Portland:

Jay

- Marian Peterson, SoPo Library Director, presented proposal to SoPo City Manager. It was determined that this is not the right time to go forward with this arrangement. Proposal is on hold.
- TML has approximately 20,000 unique titles, not available in SoPo Library.
- Jay informed us that Marian Peterson, SoPo Library Director, has resigned.
- Viability of extending the arrangement to Scarborough, Biddeford or York was discussed.

Scarborough is not a Minerva participant; therefore we would not be able to easily adopt such an arrangement.

Biddeford & York have expressed interest in participating. However, the value of an arrangement is questionable, due to their geographic location.

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Old Business: (continued)

- **TML Policy Review** **Jay, Nancy M. & Evan**
 - The committee has met to review the Circulation Policy. Privacy rights are proving to be complicated, especially in: adult to adult, and parent / child relationships. Considerable research has been done to resolve the conflicts with state law. Additional work is necessary to propose a policy that conforms to state law, is administratively workable, and patron friendly.
 - The proposed policy must be reviewed by the town's legal counsel, then reviewed and approved by the Town Council
- **Lonely Books Club:**
 - Has been funded (\$1,200) by the Lions Club.

New Business:

- **New Trustee:**
 - The Town Council has appointed **Nancy O'Sullivan** to the TMLBoT. Welcome Nancy!
 - Jay will provide Nancy with trustee materials and the customary orientation tour of the library at a mutually agreeable time.
 - The Board of Trustees contact list has been updated. (see attached)
- **Rachel has begun the Summer Program planning process.**
- **Three new substitute staffers have been hired to fill 3 vacancies.**
- **Zimpritch Symposium:**
 - The status of Zimpritch Symposium is uncertain at this time. Jay will continue to monitor the status.

Parked items:

- (none)

Meetings:

- Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2007, @ 7:00 P.M.

Adjournment: 7:59 P.M.