

Thomas Memorial Library  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes

**Thursday, September 17, 2015 @ 6:30 PM**

In Attendance:

Ken Piper, Chair; Julia Bassett Schwerin, Secretary; Martha Palmer, Gil Brennan, RuthAnne Haley, Lee Rutty, Trustees; Jay Scherma, TML Director;

Absent: Patty Grennon, Town Council Liaison; Judith McManamy, Trustee

- 1) Call to order: \_\_6.35\_\_
- 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes: August 2015. Unanimously approved.
- 3) Library Director's Report – August 2015
  - A. Electronic materials trending upward but no major trends discernable
  - B. Adult programming focus in September
  - C. Tech wish list includes sound system in main room as well as mobile system
- 4) TML Gala Opening Month of Programs
  - a) 1 Outside Gardens and Greens: Gil to coordinate Winterfest during winter break, including ice sculpture@SMCC
  - b) 2 Gallery: RuthAnne to curate Gallery show of Island Press works
  - c) 3 Game Room: Ken to create program on drones, minecraft
  - d) 5 Media Lab Lee and Julia to coordinate MPBN live broadcast in Media Lab or other with Jennifer Rooks
  - e) 8 Adult Seating Area: Martha & Lee to host coffee with new director for a week
  - f) 9 Community Room: Julie proposed Green Building Lecture and event including Island Institute, Gulf of Maine Institute, Efficiency Maine, ME Assoc. of Bldg Energy Professionals and others
  - g) 9 Community Room: Martha to head up events with live music and comedy with Julia
  - h) 10 Conference Room: Ken to create event around Technology Sandbox
  - i) 11 Young Adult Room: Martha to lead Young Adult Author event
  - j) 11 Young Adult Room: Martha to spearhead activity around puzzles
  - k) 12 Children's Room: Gil to create event around Parent and Child Arts and Crafts

l) 12 Children's Room: RuthAnne to lead event on Lego Robotics

5) Old Business

a) Reports from Sub-Committees

i Update on Building Project – Martha

- 1 On schedule, under budget. This gives building committee an opportunity to bring back certain wish list features
- 2 Art for Outdoor Area being sought
- 3 Signage being redone
- 4 Capital campaign makes it possible to add aesthetics back in plan

ii Shared Services Sub-Committee – Judy/Martha

- 1 No report

b) TML Staff request to get the Trustees thoughts on how the Library should deal with unsolicited gifts of unreviewed materials from local writers.

i No report

c) Update from rules subcommittee (Room Use Policies for Game Room, Media Lab & Tutoring Rooms)

i No report

6) Other

7) Confirmation of next meeting: Thursday, October 15, 2015 @ 6:30 P.M.

8) Adjournment: 8:45

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**Citizen Participation at Meetings & Workshops**

**TMLBoT Meetings and workshops:** The purpose of the monthly meeting and the occasional workshop is primarily for the Board of Trustees to conduct the business of the Board in accordance with its Charter and by-laws. Prior to Board discussion on any item, members of the public may speak on each agenda item for not more than three minutes each and up to a total of 15 minutes. If there are more speakers than the time available, the Chair may allocate the speaking time in order to balance the debate. The public participation portion shall conclude when the Board of Trustees begins its discussions.

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