

Thomas Memorial Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes

Thursday, November 19, 2015 @ 6:30 PM

In Attendance:

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

Absent: Lee Ruty, Trustee, Patty Grennon, Town Council Liaison

- 1) Call to order: __6.33__
- 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 2015. Unanimously approved.
- 3) Library Director's Report – October 2015
 - A. Programming going well; online numbers up.
 - B. No ILL in January, but SoPo and Scarborough will accommodate Cape residents
 - C. Plan to host open house for library community and gala events in February
- 4) Nomination of TMLF liasons to fill expiring terms of Lee and Judy
 - A. Julia nominated, Martha reaffirmed (already on TMLF)
- 5) TML Gala Opening Month of Programs
 - a) Have \$3000 budget for activites, need to lock down 12 programs between Feb 6 – 29 by December meeting
 - b) 1 Outside Gardens and Greens: Gil to coordinate Winterfest during winter break, including ice sculpture@SMCC, met with Jenny, Feb 20 or 27 if snow
 - c) 2 Gallery: RuthAnne to curate Gallery show of Island Press works with Andy; Rachel met with Melissa and they will provide artwork
 - d) 3 Game Room: Ken to create program on minecraft under development; Evan on robotics, may have contest in game room
 - e) 5 Media Lab Lee and Julia to coordinate MPBN live broadcast in Media Lab or other with Jennifer Rooks, need to identify size of space available
 - f) 8 Adult Seating Area: Martha & Lee to host coffee with new director for a week, also with Judy and Jenny; will get Cookie Jar to donate treats
 - g) 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, TML architects and others, working with Jay

- h) 9 Community Room: Martha to head up events with live music and comedy with Julia, working with Kevin; Martha proposed Mary Iris, comedienne, Women's chorus, Julia proposed jazz band and school jazz combo; Jay also suggested George Mitchell, Angus King, Susan Collins, readings from Shakespeare
 - i) 10 Conference Room: Ken to create event around Technology Sandbox working with Steve
 - j) 11 Young Adult Room: Martha to lead Young Adult Author event working with Kevin
 - k) 11 Young Adult Room: Martha to spearhead activity around puzzles with Kevin
 - l) 12 Children's Room: Gil to create event around Parent and Child Arts and Crafts with Rachel
 - m) 12 Children's Room: RuthAnne to lead event on Lego Robotics with Rachel
 - n) Fireplace open house led by Judy with Andy
- 6) Old Business
- a) Reports from Sub-Committees Update on Building Project – Martha
 - i) Grading done, retaining wall, children's garden roughed out and walkway corrected, walls and flooring to go in, granite stair templates done, fireplace to go in, furniture ready, sculpture in process to be installed in spring.
 - b) Shared services subcommittee
 - i) They met with Russ Paquette @ community services
 - ii) Cannot book more than 30 days in advance, what is bumping priority? Ken says Library functions have priority
 - iii) Jeff Shedd, high school principal, would like to consider using our meeting room
 - iv) Mike Tracy, MS principal, wants to do learning commons, makers space, robotics, creativity, very enthusiastic
 - v) Janet Hoskins, facilities manager, no admissions may be charged – would tutors be paid?, who will sign out services? Janitorial needs to be coordinated. All buildings booked through facilities
 - vi) Jay says to be clear about fundamental purpose of library: a limited public forum, where freedom of speech is not a blanket right, you cannot abridge freedom of speech on content, just quality; the library is the campfire of today, enabling the transmission of who and why we are as a culture, and media is the recorded voices of the campfire; collaborative spaces are the most innovative.
 - c) Update from rules subcommittee (Room Use Policies for Game Room, Media Lab & Tutoring Rooms)

- i Motion to proposed amendment to displays and exhibits to town council as amended tonight, voted unanimously
 - ii Motion to propose amendments to building use policy to town council as amended tonight, voted unanimously
 - 7) Other – new director search update – 35 candidates, reduced to 6, interviewed on phone and in person; McGovern to make final selection and present to Town Council.
 - 8) Confirmation of next meeting: Thursday, December 17, 2015 @ 6:30 P.M.
 - 9) 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.