



Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
October 17, 2024
Newport Public Library
300 Spring Street, Newport, Rhode Island 02840

In Attendance

Board: Debbie Bailey, Peter Baylor, Merideth Bonvino, Kristie Gardiner, Tanner Jackson, Charlotte Marshall, Don O'Brien, Alan Ridnour, Edwina Sebest

NPL Staff: Joseph Logue, Jim Mass, Alexandra Calandro

For the Friends: Pat Heller

Guests: Don Hourahan

Call to Order & Determination of a Quorum

A quorum being determined, Ms Bonvino called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms Sebest and seconded by Ms Bonvino to revise the agenda with the following amendments:

- Next scheduled meeting date is November 21, 2024.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

A motion was made by Ms Sebest and seconded by Ms Bonvino to revise the minutes with the following amendments:

- The earnings recorded from the Friend's sale is \$2,200
- The new Friend's board member name is Carol Turcotte

A motion was made by Ms Sebest and seconded by Ms Bonvino to revise and file the minutes that have been amended as discussed.

September 2024 Building and Grounds Committee Report

The Board had no comments on Mr. Mass's monthly report.

Roofing Project Presentation

Mr Hourahan and Mr Mass provided all meeting attendees with details on the roofing project. They discussed options for materials, costs, impact on patrons, and timeline. The issue with implementing solar panels directly onto the roof was discussed and an alternative option of Solar Net Metering is being looked into. Mr Logue spoke briefly about granting opportunities through Champlain.

Friends of the Newport Library Report

Ms Heller reported that the Friend's Bookstore will be extending their hours on Election Day this year from 9am to 6pm, as well as setting up a pop-up sale in the Spring St Lobby due to the increased volume of foot traffic in the lobby on this day. The Holiday Sale will begin on Thursday, December 5th at noon and run for a week. Ms Heller ended the report by encouraging donations for the Holiday sale of books, puzzles, and games that are in good quality.

Library Director's Report

The Library Director reported that The Library had a table set up at the Broadway Street Fair over the weekend. It was a great event and a lot of fun. Mr Logue recorded 172 visitors and 82 reference questions during his time working the event. During the Broadway Street Fair, Ms Bailey received a key to the city by the mayor. Congratulations!

The New England Library Association is hosting a conference this weekend, October 20th through the 22nd, in Portland, Maine. Mr. Logue loves this conference and he is very excited to be attending. He expressed his sincere gratitude for the opportunity to participate.

Working Group Report

There has not been any movement since the last meeting. Mr Logue wrote to Rhoda Mitchell regarding a site visit, but he did not receive an answer as she is currently on leave.

Adjournment

Business being concluded Mr. Ridnour asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms Sebest made the motion that was seconded by Mr Baylor. The vote was unanimous to adjourn at 5:43 PM

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21st, 2024, at 4:30pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,
October 18, 2024
Alexandra Calandro
Administrative Assistant*