

Concord Public Library Trustee Meeting

April 1, 2013

Present: Marian Akey, Jeremy Clemans, Megan De Vorse, Marilyn Fraser, Inez McDermott, Paula Miner, Elizabeth Mulholland, Mary Beth Robinson, Lisa Sands, and Library Director Patricia Immen. Also present, David Gill, Parks & Recreation Director.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

David Gill presented an update regarding Parks and Recreation activities at the former Dame School and plans for the future. We discussed the potential of a future library presence at the community center. We will be looking at models of other community center/library partnerships in the months to come and keep in touch with Mr. Gill as plans for the community center evolve. He has invited us to come and tour the building.

The minutes of the March 4 meeting were approved.

Mrs. Immen presented the library director's report:

- Reference staff has begun to provide additional coverage at busy times of the day.
- A PC with scanner is now available for the public in the reference room.
- There is now more room for staff work space in the basement area. Floors have been refinished.
- While circulation decreased 3.7% in February, traffic decreased 22%.
- Proposals have been received for preliminary design work for the Penacook Tannery project – the city, along with Mrs. Immen, are interviewing architectural firms this week. Community input sessions will take place.
- The Volunteer Program has changed their email distribution list system. The website will now be used to notify volunteer opportunities.

Foundation Update – Mrs. Immen reported that the Foundation is working on a new bookmark featuring a portion of a Melissa Miller painting. The library's teen program was discussed. While the Foundation is eager to see programming expand, there are no staff resources to do this. However, there will be a teen summer reading program this year.

Trustee Megan De Vorse will be giving a lecture on Elwyn Page and his contributions to the Concord community on April 15 to kick off National Library Week.

Lisa Sands discussed plans for Library Advocacy – she has developed a packet of information.

The meeting ended with a thank you to Marilyn Fraser for her service to the library. She has been a library trustee since 2007. April 30th her current term ends and she is leaving the board. She has been a long time supporter of the library and will continue to be an advocate for us. Mary Beth Robinson read a lovely tribute.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Inez McDermott