

MARK & EMILY TURNER MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
HELD IN THE LIBRARY MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009

Present: Chairman Kevin Sipe, Treasurer Elaine Sipe, Secretary Dr. Paul Hamlin, Gail Roy, Greg Curtis, Pat Webb, Library Director Sonja Plummer-Morgan, Reference Librarian Lisa Shaw

Absent: Deborah Dunn, Germaine Scott

Chairman Kevin Sipe called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Agenda was reviewed and accepted.

November Minutes

Minutes for the November 2008 meeting were reviewed for consideration. The December 2008 meeting did not have a quorum.

MOTION: Elaine Sipe made a motion to accept the November 2008 minutes. Dr. Paul Hamlin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Elaine Sipe presented the Treasurer's Report. There was no significant checking account activity to discuss.

MOTION: Dr. Paul Hamlin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Greg Curtis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Librarian's Report

Library Director Sonja Plummer-Morgan presented the Librarian's Report, inclusive of the following activities:

I. Recent Events

- The Library partnered with the Maine Discovery Museum for Children, located in Bangor. Families with a valid library card at Turner Memorial Library can check out a pass for free admission to the museum for one day for up to four people.
- The Presque Isle Historical Society included a painting of the original and the new library in its 2009 calendar.
- Dr. Mark Varnum donated \$80 to the library; proceeds came from book sales at his recent book discussion at the library.
- Letters of thanks went out to Judith Burleigh and to the Garden Club from the Trustees.

II. Ongoing Events

- Library staff continue attending online Webinars and leading online book discussions.
- Library services are promoted through Web 2.0 tools such as Facebook and MySpace; our virtual library in Second Life will soon feature a collection of photos from the Library of Congress on potato farming in the 1940s.
- The Library now has a Twitter account which also updates to Facebook.

III. Upcoming Events

- The book selection for the Book Club on January 16, 2009, at 6 pm is Heiko A. Oberman's *Luther*.
- The Librarian will lead an online book discussion on February 4th, 2009, in the Second Life Readers Garden on *Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World* at 9:00 PM EST.
- Maine Libraries Week is officially recognized from January 11-17, 2009.
- The Efficiency Maine Kill-A-Watt Energy Detector Kits (four in all) have arrived at the library. Starting January 12, 2009, the library will be able to check these monitors out to patrons who can use them to measure energy usage in their homes.
- Librarians are speaking to faculty at the University of Maine at Presque Isle and at Kiwanis regarding our work in virtual environments in February.
- Assistant Librarian Sue McPherson is helping to assemble a handbook for library trustees.
- The Overdrive Audio Book project is expected to go forward as planned.

MOTION: Elaine Sipe made a motion to accept the Librarian's Report. Greg Curtis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Business

1. Term Limits of Trustees

From November 2008 meeting: *Assistant Librarian Sue McPherson will confer with Sonja Plummer-Morgan for specifics on the Board's by-laws pertaining to term limits (i.e. how many consecutive years may a member hold a particular office; how much time must elapse between terms). Sue McPherson will follow up her inquiry with an e-mail reporting findings to the Board members.*

Update:

New members of the Board of Trustees or those appointed to a new term are subject to term limits. Information regarding term limits is not yet in the Trustee Handbook, although the information was read into the City Council Minutes.

Action Taken: Chair Kevin Sipe will review the handbook for any addition information which should be included. Librarian Sonja Plummer-Morgan will take the notated handbook back to Assistant Librarian Sue McPherson to be updated.

2. Officers

Officers were nominated and elected as follows:

MOTION: Dr. Paul Hamlin nominated Kevin Sipe to serve as Chair for the Board of Trustees. Greg Curtis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Kevin Sipe nominated Dr. Paul Hamlin to serve as Board Secretary. Gail Roy seconded the nomination. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Dr. Paul Hamlin nominated Elaine Sipe to serve as Board Treasurer. Kevin Sipe seconded

the nomination. Motion passed unanimously.

3. New Members

Chair Kevin Sipe officially welcomed new Board of Trustees member Gail Roy.

New Business

The Library and its Board of Trustees are scheduled for a Special Meeting with the Presque Isle City Council on Wednesday, February 18th, 2009, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers to discuss ADA issues at the library.

Action Taken: Library Director Sonja Plummer-Morgan will request a March 2009 Special Meeting date to replace the February 2009 date with the City Council. Kevin Sipe and Sonja Plummer-Morgan will gather together the necessary documentation on the elevator project for the library.

Next Agenda

Items on the next agenda should include the following:

- Documentation of elevator project at the library
- Re-instating the monthly book talk

Adjournment

MOTION: Elaine Sipe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Curtis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Next Meeting

The Board of Trustees will next meet on Thursday, February 26, from 3:30 - 5:00 pm in the library's multi-purpose room.