

**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES  
MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2010**

A meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held at Southworth Library on April 13, 2010. Ms. Aisenberg called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Ms. Charrier was absent.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Andrew Couto, Chairman  
Paul Pereira, Vice Chairman  
Kathryn Murphy Aisenberg

Chuck Bichsel  
Rachel Charrier  
Lorraine Carey

**STAFF**

Dolores J. Tansey, Interim Director

Audrey Quail, Administrative Clerk

Approval of Minutes. A motion was made Mr. Bichsel, seconded by Ms. Carey, and unanimously voted to approve as submitted the minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2010.

Report of the Financial Secretary for the month of March, 2010. An updated statement was distributed at the meeting. The updated report was reconciled with Town Hall. Ms. Tansey stated that the budget remains on target.

Director's Report for the month of March, 2010. Ms. Tansey noted that this will be her last meeting as Interim Director. She said that it had been a pleasure and hoped that she had made a difference. She reported that Lynne Antunes will be attending a Mother Goose on the Loose workshop at Simmons College. She will then have the information to share with the staff. The recent Mystery Night fundraiser of the Dartmouth Library Foundation raised over \$10,000. The Trustees thanked Ms. Tansey for her efforts as Interim Director.

Report of the Friends of Dartmouth Libraries. Ms. Aisenberg reported that Mary Ellis has agreed to be the Friends liaison to the Grant Committee.

Report of the Dartmouth Library Foundation. Mr. Pereira reported that the Foundation is contemplating a new fundraiser to take the place of the golf tournament. The concept is wine, women, and words, which would invite one to three authors (depending on their status) for a speaking engagement. It is in the very early stages of planning, and it has not been decided whether the program would be on site or at a different venue.

Correspondence

Mr. Couto spoke in reference to emails and the Open Meeting Law. He noted that the Trustees are encouraged to share information by email; however, anything that would require deliberation, an opinion, or a response is prohibited.

Grants. They would prefer to wait until the new Director is on board. Mr. Bichsel explained that his research has informed him that grant season is the fall, and he had

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been working under that personal deadline. He said that he would be happy to put the project on hold until the new Director is ready.

Ms. Carey emphasized the correlation between volunteers and grant funding. She said that we should be counting hours volunteered by Trustees, Friends and Foundation members, as well as our library volunteers. Ms. Tansey noted that Volunteer Supervisor Joanne Sousa had been ready to come to today's meeting, but had been postponed because of the anticipated discussion with David Hickox regarding the Route 6/Tucker Road realignment. Mr. Hickox subsequently cancelled his appointment.

Community Park. Ms. Aisenberg reported that Ms. Charrier had told her that CPC funding was being requested for Phase 1 of the Community Park project. Phase 1 includes the parking loop which would provide access to the park through the rear entrance of the library parking lot. The next meeting of the Community Park Committee is scheduled for April 28, 2010.

Small Meeting Room. Ms. Tansey reported that Head Custodian Joe Sousa had a new idea for a small meeting room in the children's storytime area. The new idea would divide the room so that the Trustees would have use of the area near the Trustee's closet; the children would have use of the remainder of the room. This would require the addition of a wall, likely with transom windows to enhance the lighting. Some electrical work would also be needed. It was agreed to table this matter until the new Director could have input.

New Business.

5:30 p.m. appointment with DPW Director David Hickox cancelled at Mr. Hickox's request.

Statue Revisited. Ms. Carey reported that she had received a new solicitation from Round Hill offering a "generous" donation for the return of the Fishermaid statue. "Generous" was not defined. Mr. Bichsel had done some research on the sculptor and found that one of his works similar to the Fisher Maid had significant value. Mr. Bichsel said that he had a contact at Skinner. The Trustees asked that Mr. Bichsel ask his contact for an appraisal of the Fishermaid.

The remainder of the regular meeting was centered on welcoming the new Director.

The agenda for the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, be limited as much as possible to the topics of the small meeting room, the Community Park, and the statue.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. into executive session.

Respectfully submitted, Audrey Quail, Administrative Clerk