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Randall Library Trustees
Minutes of meeting, December 16, 2009

Present were: Trustees Pete Masters, Harry Donahue, Alison Campbell, Carolyn Howe, Rob Aldape, Tim Reed, and Jane Epstein; Library Director Susan Wysk; Kathleen Pavelchek of the Friends of Randall Library; and Susan McLaughlin of the Selectmen's Office.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.
2. Rob Aldape presented the Treasurer's Report; we are continuing with an investment split of 64/36.
3. Susan McLaughlin stated that she's attending the meeting as a citizen who's concerned about the library's leakage issues; she also wears the hat of being on the Historical Commission. There was extensive discussion about the leaks; Susan Wysk has spoken with Craig Martin. The issue was raised about whether this is maintenance or could be seen as restoration, as the building is historic. Pete Masters offered to be in contact with Bob Wilbur, Chair of the Historical Commission. In the meantime, the main leak does need to be fixed as soon as weather permits.
4. The donor of an historic musket to the town would like it to be displayed. There was discussion about whether the library is the best place, or whether another venue might be preferable.
5. Director's report: Susan reiterated that the roof cannot wait to be fixed, and also there are areas (including areas of leaks) and windows that require painting. Circulation was 45,801 YTD for 2009, as compared with 46,675 YTD for 2008, or a drop of 2%. She also reviewed Bill Wrigley's directives regarding staff salaries. She pointed out that we will have to have a special meeting to vote on whether or not to go ahead with the capital plan.
6. Rob Aldape raised the question of the library's moving to the Pompositticut School, which will be vacated when the school building project is complete. The Friends have expressed excitement about the idea, and the Trustees are also initially enthusiastic about investigating this possibility. Our interest will be communicated to the Selectmen (Rob Aldape will speak with Ellen Sturgis).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Jane Epstein