

Minutes of Holliston Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting – 9/14/2016

Present: Jim Pond, Bob Ostrow, Pat Fuller and Bill Heuer. Also present Leslie McDonnell, Library Director.

Jim moved to accept the minutes from the meeting of 6/15/2016; Bob seconded, all in favor.

Director's Report

Peg Brown, library technician has retired and been replaced by Mary Kay Rowland.

Steve Salmon displayed his paintings.

A section of the old stone work on the front of the building has fallen off allowing birds a point of entry into the building. The hole has been repaired, but more work will be needed by a mason.

Holliston in Bloom committee and judges visited the library on their tour on July 21.

Programs

The Electronic Café took place on June 20.

Cheese & Yogurt Making For Beginners on July 27 had 30 attendees.

Showed current and classic films every Monday during the summer to a small, but appreciative audience. Plan to continue next summer. Continue Movie Mondays once per month during the year.

The 2nd Annual Cupcake Wars for grades 5 and up was well attended with 20 children. They decorated a cupcake to illustrate their favorite book with prizes supplied by the Friends.

The Morning, Classics and History Book Clubs will continue. The Evening Book Club will be eliminated after the November group due to poor attendance.

Attendance for adult coloring has been consistently low, so plan to put the coloring supplies out for drop-ins to use after September.

The puzzle table is popular with a small group.

New library cards have a picture of the building. 500 were made.

Discussion

Roof/HVAC still needs to be addressed.

It was agreed the board will create a job description for the director's position.

Leslie will bring a draft next time.

The library has been offered two donations of art work in the last week. One is a Holliston artist who has passed away and the other is not by a Holliston artist or of a Holliston subject. Our archival policy says we do not generally collect three dimensional objects and emphasizes local authors and/or subjects which covers the first but not the second. It was agreed the library would accept the work by the Holliston artist but respectfully decline the other and recommend a suitable state agency to consider them.

Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday this year. The town will be closed on Monday as Christmas Day is a Sunday. In the past the library has closed the whole weekend but stayed open a half a day on New Year's Eve. It was recommended the library close December 24, 25, 26 and ½ day on December 31 and all day on January 2.

FRIENDS:

Will pay for half of the McNaughton program

Received a \$10,000 gift from Pulte Construction

Will increase funding for children's programs from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Will fund the Rail Trail story board stands to be built by Boy Scouts. Final amount to be determined.

Jim moved for meeting to be adjourned. Bob Seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Ostrow