

Plympton Board of Library Trustees

Minutes

January 3, 2015, 8:00 am

Present: D. Batson, K. Boyles, M. Boyles, T. Cosato, P. Detterman, C. Winslow

Absent: S. Vetterlein

Minutes of November 1, 2014 Approved

Building:

98% painted! Debbie will pursue inviting Frank to some gathering after completion as a "thank you" and acknowledgement of great job.

Weatherstripping done, but doors still problematic.

Dehumidifier replaced and working well.

Vacuum still needed.

First Saturday in December...HUGE turn out...Girl Scouts (and families) here for decorations, carols, etc.

Fudge and Book Sale made \$427.00 (Leftover books need to be taken: Miranda, Kris, and Tom will take books today).

Staff began training with SAILS technology (BookLetters; website development, etc.)

Long Range Plan:

Reviewed Survey to be sent as a Town-wide mailing. Will hope to get survey out by mid-February. Hopefully will have results available in April (perhaps for "coffee hour" that month).

Received anonymous donation of \$1,000.00; also received a granite bench donated (with a brass plaque).

Staff Projects over the past 2 months included (but not limited to): bulletin board displays; brochures; weeding; reorganizing collection; posting events on Facebook, etc.; sorting donations; updating outdoor sign.

Budget:

First Draft reflects: 2% pay increase; SAILS membership going up; heating cost increased to reflect reality of what last year's cost was.

First Draft B reflects: SAILS membership increase; heating cost increase 4.9% + health--a \$6,320.00 increase overall. (feel it is important to acknowledge training and education that staff is continually receiving.)

Board will hopefully hear from FINCOM re: the "general town budget situation" soon, and will vote next meeting on Budget.

MBLC meeting Debbie attended addressed intention of use of money for "small libraries" state-wide. (possibly for subsidizing membership fees).

SAILS working on developing webinars for staff training/education. Technology and resources continually changing.

Programming has been well attended over the past 2 months!  
Main Street Players; Holiday Social; Resume Review; Nature Scavenger Hunt; Book Discussion; Knitting; STEMPPlaygroup; Poetry Circle; Coffee Time with Garden Club celebration.

Upcoming Programming for February: First Saturday in February "Bring your Child to the Library" Day. Will also do the "Blind Date with a Book" activity. Will have a "Snowman" bulletin board promotion--add a part of the snowman on each visit.

Next Meeting Board will discuss SWOG: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Goals for Long Range Plan and ultimate Mission Statement.

Library will be closed: Sat. 1/17; Sat. 2/14.

Next Meeting: Sat., Feb. 7th at 8:00 am

Meeting Adjourned: 9:39 am