

CONCORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

Monday, February 4, 2019

6:00 PM

Auditorium

In Attendance: Todd Fabian, Jeremy Clemans, Megan De Vorsey, Chris Casco, Lisa Sands, Charles O'Leary, Elizabeth Herrmann, Michelle Marino

- Call to Order: Jeremy Clemans 6:01 p.m.
- The Minutes of January 7, 2019, were approved.
- Public Comment: None
- Library Director's Report and Monthly Update:
 - Two new Trustees, Becky Hermann and Michelle Marino, have joined the Board. The Assistant Director will give a brief tour of the library before the next Trustees meeting on March 4, 2019, for any interested Trustees.
 - The new lighting for the auditorium will be installed. At that point, the library will solicit local artists who might be interested in showing their art in the auditorium. The library had some displays in 2018 and they were well received by the public.
 - The City continues to work on improving the front exterior of the library. The heavy outer doors will be replaced with more energy efficient bi-fold doors. This will change the look to the library. The number of door ways in the entrance will be reduced from three to two. The tile transition into the library will be expanded. The City will eventually polish and refinish the brass on the front of the library, maybe in FY20. More landscaping is planned for the front of the library.
 - The Director is working on a plan to utilize the courtyard to the north of the building. This would be a contained outside space where patrons could read and use laptops.
 - The Director attended the American Library Association meeting in Seattle. He will present his report at the April meeting.
 - The Director encouraged the Trustees to download the new Concord Public Library cell phone application that was developed with the new ILS system. The Director also highlighted some changes to the website including the prominent Consumer Reports feature.
 - The Director explained that the Urban Library Administrator's Consortium is hosting a seminar in Manchester that will include a webinar for NHLA members with Ryan Dowd, the author of The Librarian's Guide to Homelessness.

- The Director highlighted some upcoming programming including the monthly Books and Brew. There will be a discussion on What it Means to be an American and also an author discussion about Mount Washington in the Heights Community Center.
- The Director reported that there has been an uptick in circulation as compared to last year. The Hoopla feature is doing well, but the costs needs to be analyzed.
- Old Business: The planning for the Concord Reads programming is going well. The programming will cover 6-8 weeks and will include NHTI, Concord High School and the UNH School of Law. The Director explained, for the benefit of the new Trustees, the history of the library building and efforts to build a new library or expand the present building. The Concord Reads book is not yet public information.
- New Business: The Director explained some upcoming efforts of the Library staff with regard to voter registration and election information.
- Concord Public Library Foundation: The Director explained that the grant process has been streamlined and that he no longer has to write individual grants for funds.
- Next Meeting: March 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Tour to begin prior to the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Jeremy Clemans moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.; Chris Casco seconded.