

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

Public Library

Board of Library Trustees

Minutes of Public Meeting June 17, 2014

Provincetown Public Library

Members Present: EveLyn Kratz, James Johnson, Stephen Desroches

Members Absent: Donna Vaillancourt

Others Present: Matt Clark, Interim Library Director; Rebecca Levin, Public & Member Services Coordinator (Recording Secretary); Stephen Borkowski, applicant for open Library Trustee position

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm

1. Public Statements: None

Ms. Kratz noted that the meeting was being recorded for notes of the Recording Secretary.

2. Agenda Order: No Changes

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the June 3, 2014 minutes. Mr. Desroches seconded the motion, which was approved 3-0-0.

4. Library Director Search Committee Update

Ms. Kratz reported a very encouraging turnout, thirteen applicants in all from which a top five was selected. Ms. Kratz reported that the members of the Library Director Search Committee had a lot of good input. Ms. Verde, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager, will set up interviews for the five candidates at the end of July. Following these interviews the Library Director Search Committee will narrow the candidates down to three. These top three candidates will be interviewed by the Board of Library Trustees sometime in August. The Board of Library Trustees remarked on the importance of showing both sides of Provincetown.

Fundraiser with Michael Lennon/Mailer Blog-August 15

Mr. Clark announced that three to six of Norman Mailer's children intend to be present at the Michael Lennon event to be held on August 15th at 5pm in the Provincetown Public Library. Mr. Lennon has kindly agreed to speak on the current state and future of the Mailer Society.

The Board of Library Trustees discussed wording for publicity, the specifics of book sales at the event, the refreshments to be offered, the possibility of and requirements for serving alcohol at the event, the cost of the event, and the benefits of this library fundraiser. Mr. Clark, Mr. Desroches and Ms. Kratz will work together on the details in the weeks following this meeting.

6. Fall Fundraiser September 13-Pirates Ball

After discussing previous fall fundraisers, the Board of Library Trustees agreed that Zoe Lewis would be a good addition to the Pirates Ball and that they could begin the process of gathering a Host Committee. Ms. Kratz reminded everyone about the importance of donor confidentiality.

The Board also discussed fundraising ideas to consider for next year.

7. Other Business and Correspondence

Mr. Clark announced that a request had come to display panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt from the NAMES Project on the front lawn the following Friday and Saturday and then move inside to hang from the Mezzanine Level until July 7th. Following their display on the lawn, those panels not moving inside the library would be displayed in Town Hall. Mr. Desroches reminded everyone of the connection to the film, "The Last One" which would be playing in the Provincetown International Film Festival the same weekend.

In keeping with the established precedent of displays on the lawn being at the discretion of the Board of Library Trustees and the Director, **Mr. Desroches moved to approve the request for Red Thread Productions to display the AIDS Banner Panels on the lawn and within the library from June 20th through July 7th. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion which was approved 3-0-0**

Following this decision, Mr. Clark requested that lawn use for the Independence House Clothesline Project on July 10th from 10am-3pm, in order to hang t-shirts created by survivors of relational abuse on either side of the walkway.

Mr. Desroches made a motion to approve the request from Chris Morin of Independence House for a one day installation on July 10th on the front lawn. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion which was approved 3-0-0.

Mr. Clark then announced another free program to be held on July 10th in which Michael Cunningham would read excerpts from his new book and possibly from previously unreleased material.

Ms. Kratz reminded everyone that the library can use Town Hall for big draws. Mr. Johnson suggested a dinner party fundraiser with a celebrity for next year. Mr. Clark and Mr. Johnson agreed to work together on this idea for the future.

Mr. Clark reported that the Friends of the Provincetown Public Library are no longer planning a big book sale. Friends President Jan Kelly has reported that the Friends are happy with the book carts as a focus for the summer months.

8. Next Meeting July 15, 2014

The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 6pm in the library.

In addition, the board will meet with the Board of Selectmen on Monday, July 14, 2014.

12. Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm. The motion was approved 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Levin