

Kimball Library Trustee Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. Attending: Susan Westbrook, Kelly Green, Paulette Staats, Bette Phillips, Jason Aldous, trustees. Amy Grasmick, director.

The trustees accepted the September 2014 meeting.

Director's report. Allen Morey proposed sandblasting the arch base stones *in situ* and then staining and sealing them to match the original brownstone. We have paid Mr. Morey about \$3,700 for his work but the trustees agreed that we do not want him to continue working. The trustees voted unanimously to end our relationship with Mr. Morey.

Finally good news on the drainage project! Bannon Engineering will create a plan to handle our storm water runoff for \$1,500 which was \$3,500 less than the other bid we received. The trustees agreed unanimously to hire Bannon Engineering.

Amy apprised the trustees on how patrons are using the various electronic media offered by the library. Presently, patrons are invited to take an anonymous survey on whether and how they use library technology.

The library has passes for the Shelburne Museum, Billings Farm and Museum, Echo, Fairbanks, and VINS. Come and get them! Cool!

Lots of upcoming events: Sue Halpern taking about therapy dogs (10/28 at 6:30 PM), Senior Center book group will discuss "Having Our Say" (11/5 at 12:45 PM), Page to Film: discussion of Berlin Stories (11/15 at 7:00 PM) and viewing of Cabaret (11/16). Rick Winston talks about McCarthyism's presence in Bethel (11/19 at 7:00 PM).

Finance committee. Kelly and Susan will be attending the Vermont Library Trustees and Friends Annual conference in Killington where speakers from Illsley Public Library will discuss stewardship of library funds. Topics will be investment strategies, policy, and making financial decisions. Kelly will give a summary to the group next month.

The **Kimball portrait** can be cleaned and repaired for \$700 to \$900 by Maria Roosevelt. The trustees unanimously agreed that Amy should get a second bid and then pursue the restoration.

The **fundraising letter** is ready to go!

The trustees discussed the **technology services** that the library provides to the community. She distributed an assessment tool that trustees reviewed that enlightened us all to "best practices" in the field. We are looking for ideas as to how to better serve our patrons!

Treasurer's Report. Jason submitted September's report. Our investment account dipped and can expect another dip in October.

The next meeting is Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 5:00 PM. The December meeting will be Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

At 6:48 PM, the meeting was adjourned.