

**Huntington Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes for Sept. 28, 2009**

Present: Lorrie Richland, Liz Greenberg, Paula Kelley, Harvey Schugar, Heidi Racht
Others: Anne Dannenberg

Discussion of current building projects: Harvey announced that Dave Cozzens has been contacted and is interested in the "handyman" position for completing repairs and general maintenance. Mary Jane Poynter from the energy committee will be meeting with Harvey to discuss the insulation needs. The contract for painting has gone to Top Dog Painters. They are planning on starting in mid October.

Discussion of Aaron Early's Eagle Scout project: Aaron was not able to meet with Anne concerning the changes in his project. Even so, he continued to work on it and now considers it complete. The changes were significant enough to be a concern to the Trustees. Anne will ask Terry Boyle, his advisor for the project, to speak to Aaron about the changes and then Terry will contact Anne. Liz will let Ed Booth from the Select Board know about our concerns so that the Select Board does not sign off on the project prematurely.

Discussion of internet usage: The concern of the library directors and the trustees is the use of the internet on the computer which is positioned in such a way that oversight is limited and there is not a direct view of the computer screen. It was decided that anyone 17 years or younger will use the computer that is closer to the main desk, and is therefore in direct view. It was also decided to move the farther computer to the near end of the partition wall if possible. Liz will ask Eric to talk to the directors about possible changes in the location of the computers.

Budget discussion: The trustees were informed that the Select Board is asking for level funding for the next fiscal year. The two concerns of the trustees were the cost of lighting the parking lot and the cost of plowing the Park and Ride area. Paula stated that the lights cost \$240.00 yearly. Each light was \$10.00/month and there are 4 lights. She will contact Tim Brown about the cost of the plowing.

Discussion about the relationship between the library and the Select Board:

The following items were discussed:

- There should be an once yearly meeting between members of the Trustees and the Select Board
- Both boards should work in a partnership arrangement
- Before we present our thoughts, Anne will find out the percentage of the use of the building for community center events
- The trustees will determine the costs for the upkeep of the building and present a master plan

- It is hoped that the Select Board will take over the maintenance of the Park and Ride
- Lorrie will write down the views of the Trustees and library director before meeting with the Select Board.

Discussion concerning the future of the UMH and Library:

The trustees and library director discussed the following ideas for the future of the library and UMH:

- Increased use of the Community Center
- Possible use of the UMH for classes
- Continued contributions by area artists
- Possible expansion of the balcony

Policy concerning building usage: The final changes were made to the policy and were approved as written. See attachment.

Annual Appeal: Last year's letter will be used as the basis. Discussion will continue in October.

Next meeting: Monday, October 26, at 7:15 in the library.
Submitted by, Lorrie Richland

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