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Library Trustees Minutes 05/13/2008

ROBBINS LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 13, 2008

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM. Attending were trustees Katharine Fennelly, Kathryn Gandek-Tighe, Barbara Muldoon, Frank Murphy and Patricia Deal. David Castiglioni and Joyce Radochia were absent. Also attending were Library Director Maryellen Loud.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 8th meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Gandek-Tighe; seconded by Mrs. Muldoon.

Communications

None

Community Time

None

Director's Report

Ms. Loud gave a verbal report with highlights. Jennifer DeRemer is working with the high school to create a tutoring program for senior citizens. Amanda Mathiesen's Literary Open House starts next week with ESL people. She is getting accolades for the program. Vicki Slavin played a prominent role in the Bollywood DVD article in the Boston Globe. The Robbins Library drill team was a popular addition to the Arlington Patriot's Day Parade and won an honorable mention at the MLA conference. The Chamber of Commerce new members breakfast in the Reading Room went well and generated interest in rentals. Preparations are underway for the new desk and signage. The Children's Department is working with the elementary schools on the Summer Reading Program. The Community read will be *Digging to America* by Anne Tyler. The circulation desk dedication is being planned.

Signage Update

The vendor has been picked, Sunshine Sign Company. Ms. Loud reviewed the estimates on the cost of the signs. A more detailed proposal will be presented at a future meeting.

Author Programs

This spring will focus on local authors on June 17.

Meeting Room Request

A group would like to charge for better food choices. The Trustees decided that charges for food were up to the group.

Fundraising

Fundraising to reopen the Library on Sundays was discussed, in particular the solicitation letters and possible other vehicles such as grants.

Friends Update

The Friends will be assisting with the fundraising for Sunday hours.

Dallin Paintings

Further discussions about potential purchase of a Dallin painting was delayed until all the Trustees were present.

Appointment of Nominating Committee

Joyce Radochia and Frank Murphy were appointed to the Nominating Committee.

Other Business

Warrant #30 on the naming of an award for Margaret Spengler was tabled at Town Meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. The next meeting will be held on June 10th at 7:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Kathryn Gandek-Tighe