

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

December 13, 2016, 6:45 p.m.

**Falmouth Public Library Main Building
300 Main Street, Trustees' Room
Falmouth, MA 02540**

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Attending: Lysbeth Abrams, Chair; Jerome Fanger, Lindsay Hopewood, Kathleen Murray, Otis Porter, Sylvia Szulkin, Marilyn Zacks; Linda Collins, Acting Director; Len Miele on behalf of the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library; Michael Markoff, Esq.

Absent: None

Correspondence: None

Requests for Use of Library Lawn: None

Friends' Report: Len Miele

(a) Kris O'Connor has resigned as Treasurer. Rob Gillis, Vice-President of the Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod, has assumed the Treasurer's post. (b) The Friends' Holiday Book Sale was successful, netting \$5,700.00. Abrams thanked the Friends for their continuing support of the library.

Minutes: Sylvia Szulkin

(a) On a motion by Abrams seconded by Porter, the Minutes for October 18, 2016 were unanimously accepted as written. (b) On a motion by Murray, seconded by Hopewood, the Minutes for November 9, 2016 were accepted as corrected on a vote of 5-0, with Fanger and Szulkin abstaining due to their absence from the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Jerome Fanger

Fanger reviewed the balances in the Trustees' accounts as of the close of business on Friday, December 9, 2016. He itemized expenses and contributions for November, 2016. The Trustees have received a bill for \$11,000 from Dell for the costs of computers leased from Dell. Fanger will send a letter with supporting documentation to the President of the Cape Cod Foundation asking for payment from the Falmouth Public Library Fund.

On a motion by Porter seconded by Szulkin, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as written.

In- house and Personnel Report: Acting Director Linda Collins

Josh Maurer has been hired to replace Peggy Szuplat, who recently retired. Lynn Young will fill in at the North Falmouth branch while a replacement is sought for Josh Maurer.

Chair's Report: Lysbeth Abrams

(a) Abrams and Collins met with Peter Johnson-Staub, the new Assistant Town Manager and took him on a tour of the library. Mr. Johnson-Staub will be the liaison between Town Hall and the Trustees. The meeting was generally informative and cordial.

(b) Collins and Abrams reviewed resumes submitted to date in support of applications for the Library Director's position. There were errors in the Director's job ad as posted. The Trustees had corrected the errors in the draft ad but the corrections never made it into the final version of the ad.

(c) We have had a request for a financial contribution towards the Legislative Breakfast for the Cape's legislators. The breakfast will be held in the Eastham Public Library. On a motion by Zacks seconded by Porter the Trustees voted unanimously to contribute \$100.00 towards the legislative breakfast.

(d) Abrams noted that artists Jim and Debbie Bowen would like to sell their mosaic alphabet to the library. They want all 26 letters kept together. The total cost would exceed \$20,000. Abrams opposed the purchase because the library is not in the business of purchasing art. Collins asked the Trustees to look at the work, which is unique and beautiful, before making a decision. The Trustees formed a consensus that a decision on the matter be deferred to the next meeting, which will take place on Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

Murray moved that the Board enter into executive session to discuss litigation strategy with the Board's attorney in an ongoing civil case without returning to open session. The motion was seconded by Szulkin and approved on the following voice vote: Abrams; AYE; Porter: AYE; Murray: AYE; Hopewood: AYE; Szulkin: AYE; Zacks: AYE; Fanger: AYE. The open session concluded at 7:45 p.m. Len Miele left the room and the Board entered into executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia L. Szulkin, Board Secretary