

Harvard Public Library Trustees Meeting
March 6, 2017
Minutes

Present: Gail Coolidge, Davida Bagatelle, Marty Green, Charles Redinger. Library Director: Mary Wilson. Absent: Chris Frechette, Stacie Green

Minutes for the February meeting were approved as amended.

Director's report:

- Bloom N Art exhibit in Volunteers Hall, organized jointly by the Bromfield art department and the Garden Club of Harvard, was well attended.
- Ken Gloss's talk on antiquarian books with the Warner Free Lecture series also drew a good audience to Volunteers Hall.
- There is no circulation report because C/W MARS has computer problems.
- The League of Women Voters is holding two meetings in Volunteers Hall later this month.

Fines for Food program: The trustees voted unanimously to have a week in which patrons can have their fines forgiven in exchange for a donation of food for Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry.

Nontraditional items for lending: The Friends of HPL have purchased 37 games that can circulate from the Children's Room. The library also offers the telescope and electric meter readers. Other possibilities that would not require much storage space might be knitting needles or crochet hooks. We need a policy on what sorts of items are consistent with the library's mission.

Committee reports:

- Charles reported on the proposals from the Charter Commission.
- The question of security cameras was tabled until next month. We need to know if they can be integrated into a new switch. A system should also include the lobby and parking lot.
- Improved listening system for Volunteers Hall: Davida will bring over the unit the school uses.
- Tenth anniversary celebration: Davida will get the license this week for serving champagne; the staff is planning many activities. John Chapman will play the piano in Volunteers Hall; Ginger Kendall is organizing refreshments.

Revised fees for library use: The fee of \$25 for Volunteers Hall is much lower than the prices of comparable venues in town. The trustees unanimously voted to raise the fee to \$50/hour with a \$100 minimum.

Charles asked that "New Business" be added as a standard item to meeting agendas.
Adjourned.