

Kingston Public Library
Board of Trustees
Meeting minutes for February 2nd, 2009

On February 2nd, 2009, a meeting was held of the Kingston Public Library Board of Trustees. Present were: Brian McWilliams, chair, Cynthia Fitzgerald, Joyce Rossi, Valerie Spence, treasurer, Vanessa Verkade, and Spencer Clough, secretary.

Also present was Sia Stewart, library director.

The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m.

1. Minutes of the January 5th meeting were approved upon a motion by Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Rossi.
2. Heritage Center: Mr. Clough reported on the HCDC meeting with the CPC and a summit meeting held with the selectmen and Anne Acheson of Riverhill museum consultants. The HCDC is making strides toward creating a new vision for a community cultural center.
3. Friends of the Library: Ms. Verkade and Ms. Stewart reported that the Friends as creating projects including: a display about the history of the Friends, a Spring book sale, and a cook book fundraiser.
4. Meeting rooms: there were no requests.
5. Courtyard: everything is dormant.
6. Director's report: there is no news on the Governor's cuts to the FY'09 budget; FY'10 requests have not been proposed, but it looks like a potential 7% reduction; the director and trustees will meet with Fin. Comm. on Feb. 5th and Capital Planning on Feb. 3rd; the meeting with Wage and Personnel was positive with that committee listening to requests for a reclassification of librarians; there were no reports on the Powder House or from the Planning Committee.
7. Staff reports: were received from the children's librarian, the reference librarian, and the archivist.
8. Fundraising: the director requested the board members review the ALA advocacy tool kit.
9. Meeting close: 9:10 p.m.

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