

**Kingston Public Library**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting minutes for May 3rd, 2010**

On May 3rd, 2010, a meeting was held of the Kingston Public Library Board of Trustees. Present were: Brian McWilliams, chair, Val Spence, Cynthia Fitzgerald, and Vanessa Verkade.

Also present was the library director Sia Stewart and Spencer Clough, (elected, but not sworn in).

The chair opened the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

- I. Minutes: Minutes were tabled until June.
- II. Reorganization: Mr. McWilliams was elected chair, Ms. Spence was elected treasurer, and Mr. Clough was elected secretary, by a vote of 5 ayes.
- III. Powder House: Mr. McWilliams spoke with the CPC and again requested funding for the project. He pointed out that the request was contingent upon having town-wide support for the project.
- IV. Fundraising: Ms. Buckley distributed handouts from the “Piggy Project” and provided an overview of fundraising events. The local restaurant “Solstice” will hold a fundraiser for the foundation on June 24<sup>th</sup>. To date the foundation has raised over \$20,000.
- V. Heritage Center: Mr. McWilliams reported that the contract has been signed with the new architect. Ms Stewart will meet with Mr. Tucker, Ms. Frey, Ms. Aprill, Mr. McWilliams, and the town planner, Jill Myers, to discuss the new model for Heritage Center operations.
- VI. Friends: will hold a book and bake sale on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The group is working on a promotional pamphlet. Ms. Buckley will attend their next meeting to promote the Piggy Project.
- VII. Meeting room: none.
- VIII. Director’s report: The library was reviewed for energy use by a consultant. The technology committee is investigating open source solutions for town computer needs. The town is encouraged by the library’s open source activities. The budget for FY’ 11 may not require a 3% reduction; no layoffs are anticipated. The director will be meeting with Fin Comm. Restructuring the regional systems has caused rancor among the state library communities. There will be 2 systems, to service the eastern and western parts of the state. The policy question on library cards has been tabled. The director suggests using some funds from the building and grounds fund for work on the garden. PAC TV will interview the children’s librarian about the grant that was received.
- IX. Staff Reports: were received from the archivist, the children’s librarian, and the reference librarian by email.
- X. Payment of Bills.

- XI. Old business: review of the bylaws and the director's performance review were tabled to June. The June meeting did not need to be rescheduled.
- XII. New business: none.
- XIII. The meeting closed upon a motion by Ms. Buckley, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, at 8:25 p.m.

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