

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

Public Library Board of Library Trustees

Minutes of Public Meeting March 20, 2012

Meeting was held at the Provincetown Public Library, 356 Commercial St.

Members Present: Mary-Jo Avellar, Patsy Greene, Mick Rudd

Members Absent: Tom Boland (excused), EveLyn Kratz (excused)

Others Present: Cheryl Napsha, Library Director;

Call to Order: Vice-Chairman Greene called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

1. Public Statements: None.

2. Agenda Order: No changes

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Rudd made a motion to approve the February 21, 2012 minutes. Ms. Avellar seconded the motion, which was approved 3-0-0.

4. April & June Reception Updates

There was a thorough discussion of the upcoming April 14 party, entitled "The Hidden Library." Ms. Napsha provided an outline of the event and the Board provided details on how the party would proceed.

5. Resource Development

This discussion was tabled.

11. Other Business: None

11. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 17 at 6 pm in the Bowsprit Room.

12. Adjournment:

Mr. Rudd moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm. Ms. Greene seconded the motion, which was approved 3-0-0.

**Provincetown Public Library
Director's Report
February 17- March 8, 2011**

“When you are growing up, there are two institutional places that affect you most powerfully — the church, which belongs to God, and the public library, which belongs to you. The public library is a great equalizer.”

Keith Richards, Rolling Stones

LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

The construction crew is finishing various connections, and the controls should be balanced within the next two weeks.

PROGRAMMING

From Matt:

The Provincetown Public Library has continued to see great attendance at our Wednesday Free Movie Nights. *Hugo* was screened in front of an audience of 29 on March 7, while *Midnight in Paris* on February 22 had a total of 29 viewers.

The Recreation Department's February vacation program ran very successfully February 21 to 24. From 1 to 3pm each day Brandon Motta brought at least ten local children to the Library to participate in assorted learning games, attend story time, and view children's movies. Three to five additional younger patrons and their parents, who were in search of an afternoon activity, regularly joined the members of the Recreation Department's program. The Library will plan to again pair with the Recreation Department for a similar April vacation program.

The Provincetown Public Schools Enrichment Program has held meetings for their creative writing group in the Bowsprit room for the past 3 weeks. The group features six middle school aged girls that the Library provides with writing utensils and a snack each Wednesday. I am planning to feature two of the girls' projects in the April Edition of the Library newsletter. Speaking of the newsletter, roughly 150 copies of the premiere February volume were distributed, and over 100 copies of our March edition have already been taken.

Big Ryan the Storyteller appeared in our children's area on February 24 and was very well received by all of the children who attended. He has been scheduled to return to the Library for another appearance on April 20.

The Library will re-screen *Forks Over Knives* in the Marc Jacobs Reading Room at 6 pm on March 15. The film was extremely well received during its initial showing in January and has been in very high demand ever since.

On March 18 the Library will host the Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School's Art Show opening which will showcase pieces done as part of the students' Picasso unit. The reception, which begins at 2 pm, will feature refreshments and is being held on the second floor of the building. The art will remain on display for the following ten days, and the show is free and open to all comers.

Harriet Rzetelny of Dennis, author of the novel *Graveyard Blues*, will discuss her beautifully written work, which reveals both the extraordinary in ordinary lives and the ordinary and familiar in the lives of people who are marginalized. Harriet will talk about the book and the fascinating life experiences that inspired it, as well as read passages from the novel. She will be in the Mezzanine Area at 6:30 pm on March 22.

The Community Walk/Run and Coffee hour which meets on Thursday mornings has continued to steadily grow, reaching its highest attendance to date on March 8 with a total of nine walkers and joggers. The coffee hour after the exercise portion has become a great roundtable discussion of both local and current news, and the core members of the group have decided to continue the program even after the official partnership with the Provincetown Fitness Challenge ends on April 5. With the weather improving and word beginning to spread in the community about the weekly meeting, numbers are expected to grow for the spring and summer seasons.

The members of Provincetown Public Schools Kindergarten and Pre-School classes will return to the Library for another field trip on the morning of March 29. There will be an hour-long presentation focusing on the history of the Rose Dorothea. Sandy Bostwick has been gracious enough to give the Library the opportunity to host her students once per month for the duration of the school year.

OTHER ACTIVITY

We received a total of 21 applications for the Member & Public Services position from all across the country. I interviewed eight candidates from the Cape. I've narrowed it down to three finalists and plan to re-interview them later this month. I was extremely pleased with the pool of applicants; in addition to

the three finalists, there were an additional two who are qualified and suited for the position. I hope to make a decision by the end of March and have the candidate in place by early April.

Lyn Kratz and I have worked to finalize details for the planned April 14 reception. We've been assigning tasks to people and finding volunteers to speak on the various areas of the library that we wish to highlight.

Lyn, Sally Brophy and I worked on the postcards for the reception. They will be mailed out the 3rd week of March, giving our residents ample opportunity to schedule the event.

Susan Packard and I attended a session sponsored by CLAMS on how to download books from the CLAMS catalog to an iPad or Kindle. It's a timely program as more people purchase portable devices.