

Library Board Meeting Notes

Monday, November 7, 2016 at 5:00p

In attendance: Emma Brockway, Annyce Levy, Sonya Nicely, Betty Overdorf (Lamplighters rep), John Phillips, Wilson Rankin, Barbara Tait (ex-officio), Bruce Van Arsdale

Meeting called to order at 5p.

Follow-up on gun conversation – guns are not allowed in schools, is there any legal provision that would allow the Library to ban guns on the premises since we are so close to school grounds and share a youth population?

Bruce emailed city attorney and she was out of the office. He will re-send and copy David Ridpath before the next Board Meeting.

Barbara will look into age limit on guns, and any city policies on guns being carried in municipal buildings.

Director Update – Elizabeth Sensabaugh (currently branch manager at MFRL's Blacksburg Branch) has accepted the Director position at RPL and will begin December 5.

Staff - Courtney Amos and Aubrey Woodward left mid-October

New hires: Jolanda Ciraku, Tara Abdul, Forest Simmons – all doing great so far.

Upcoming programs

Harry Potter Party Wed 11/16 3:30-6:30p

Tree Lighting Tues 12/6 5:30-8p

DVD theft story - use of cameras

Over a period of several months we had over \$700 in DVDs stolen – it turned out to be all one person, and the person was caught, all materials recovered.

Discussed using security devices – since this has not otherwise been a problem, it has not been seriously looked into.

USB/Earbud report since 8/19/16:

31 earbuds

19 USBs

Tree update – tree removed, no word on new planting there.

Wilson will go to next beautification committee meeting.

Radford is a tree city – we may be able to get a free tree. Types of trees discussed – needs to be small – Japanese Maple or Crape Myrtle would be good. If the latter, don't get a white one.

Building updates

Handicapped door button is being relocated to better accommodate anyone in a wheelchair.

Benches need to be moved from the lobby – they were given in memorial and a more prestigious location is best.

We do need a bench for the lobby, though – memorial benches not appropriate.

Locks being installed in special collections cabinets. Looking into table repairs. Scott is handling this, but may need funding support from new Director/Lamplighters.

John mentioned checking with RU art professors/Grad students who may do the repairs at no cost.

Holiday closings

November discussed – will be open until 5p Wednesday before Thanksgiving, then closed Thurs-Sun. No objections, as long as this info is well-posted.

December discussed – no word from City on holidays yet, but if we have the option to close Fri-Mon, no objection from board.

Side note – Wilson mentioned that if we can ever sustain it, opening on Fridays at 9a would be good.

Artists in Residence – review MOU / discuss

Reviewed Barry's draft of MOU. Notes include – a list & description of all items needs to be included, discuss adding a commission? Discuss roles of lamplighters vs. Library.

Including student art would be a good idea, however RHS students (according to Emma) display art at Benny's already.

It was agreed to table this until Elizabeth starts.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20p.