

Keene Public Library

Board of Trustees

August 26th, 2014

Note: This monthly meeting was held after the 2014 Annual Meeting

Present: Trustees Paul Henkel, Sally Miller, Judy Putnam, William Stroup, Kathleen Packard, Charles Redfern, Nat Stout, George Scott, City Council Liaison David Meader, Library Director Nancy Vincent.

President Henkel brought the meeting to order at 5.55pm

On a **MOTION** by Kathleen Packard and seconded by Judy Putnam the minutes of the June 24th meeting were approved unanimously.

The trustee officers for 2014-15 will be President Paul Henkel; Vice President Kathleen Packard; Treasurer Judy Putnam; and Secretary William Stroup. This motion by the nominating committee was made during the annual meeting and is included here for information.

The usual committee reports were rendered superfluous by the annual reports included in the preceding annual meeting.

New Business:

The Policy committee met on August 11th and discussed landscape gift policy ideas. Paul Henkel participated in that meeting to represent the Buildings and Grounds committee. The policy committee noted that larger questions and gift policies and naming rights will need to be revisited in terms of the upcoming renovation project and the ongoing work of the fundraising committee.

On a **MOTION** by Ken Jue and Seconded by Judy Putnam this proposal from the Policy committee was brought onto the table.

Proposal (to add the following, directly after the existing Gift policy –section 8.004 of the policy manual

“Landscaping

The Board of Trustees shall make the decision as to the acceptance and location of gifts of landscaping items. The major criterion on which the decision shall be based is the appropriateness of the offered gift to the existing landscaping, cost of maintenance and consideration of any future building expansion, renovation or similar circumstance.”

George Scott moved to table the proposal because of the need to revisit larger gift policy issues connected to our upcoming fundraising campaigns. Charles Redfern called the question and the vote to move the question was 6-1. The new policy addition **PASSED** unanimously as worded. The Policy committee will next meet on September 10.

Other new business:

On a **MOTION** by Sally Miller, Seconded by Nat Stout, that Lynn Simington shall be designated as a Trustee Emeritus. Passed unanimously. The Board again extends our thanks to Lynn Simington for her years of service.

The vacancy of a Thayer trustee will be filled by Beth Truman. The Board of Trustees currently has two other vacancies, and the nominating committee of Judy Putnam and Sally Miller welcomes suggestions.

On a **MOTION** by Ken Jue and seconded by George Scott the meeting adjourned at 6.43pm.

Next meeting September 23rd at 5pm.

Submitted by William Stroup