

**STONEHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY  
TRUSTEES' MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2007**

Attending: DiDonato, Doucette, Fixman, Francis, Rora, Director Todd  
Absent: Ciccarello

Meeting called to order by Acting Chair Fixman at 7:35 p.m.

- IV. Reviewed and accepted Minutes for May on a motion by Doucette (2<sup>nd</sup> Fixman).
- V. Reviewed and accepted Statistical Reports, minus some unavailable data, on a motion by DiDonato (2<sup>nd</sup> Doucette).
- VI. Town Hall Organ – Bruce Netten
  - A. Mr. Netten presented an informational sheet about the Town's theatre pipe organ.
  - B. Mr. Netten described the concert opportunities that would result if the organ were refurbished.
  - C. Mr. Netten requested a donation from the Library of \$2,000 to \$2,500 toward the \$3,000-\$5,000 necessary to complete the repairs.
    - 1. The Town has already contributed \$2,500 toward the project, with the Eastern Mass. Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society donating \$1,500 in order to begin repairs.
    - 2. The remainder of the funds necessary would be donated by EMCATOS, providing at least \$2,000 can be raised.
  - D. The Trustees and the Director will consider this request and reply to Mr. Netten in a timely fashion.
- VII. Mr. Howard Porter and the Porter Art Group
  - A. Mr. Howard Porter and the Porter Art Group have proposed donating a mural to be mounted at the front entrance to the Library.
    - 2. All materials and labor would be donated so there would be no cost to the Library.
      - a. Spartan Hardware (Ace) would donate supplies.
      - b. The Porter Art Group members would donate time and talent.
  - B. If Mr. Porter's proposal is accepted, he suggests a gala semi formal opening event.
    - 1. Unveiling of mural.
    - 2. Reception and Art Show and sale in Meeting Room.
    - 3. Poetry Book sale and book signing event in Lower Library.
      - a. 2/3 of all proceeds would be donated to the Library.
  - C. Trustees and Director Todd will consider the proposal and respond to Mr. Porter in a timely fashion.
- VIII. Override Budget and Trash Fee Budget: discussed ramifications of each budget.
  - A. If the override passes, any amount over the Library's requested

- budget will be placed in Book Budget.
- A. If Trash Fee Budget is put in place the Book Budget will be significantly reduced and the Library will have to cut staff and hours open (most likely closing Saturdays and one evening).
- II. Parking Spaces: The Town Administrator was unavailable for a scheduled meeting with Director Todd to discuss parking spaces.
- III. Other Business
- A. NSTAR follow-up: NSTAR will be reimbursing the Library for the alarm resetting fee of \$99 following last month's electrical problem.
  - B. Collecting money: After extensive research by Trustee Fixman, it appears that there is no policy on this matter. A policy will be developed after Director Todd investigates other libraries' policies.
  - C. Saugus Patrons and Internet: No action will taken regarding Saugus residents' use of the SPL Internet until September, at which time the subject will be revisited.
    - 1. A motion that Director Todd set up a policy for Internet use for SPL patrons with overdue books and/or outstanding fines was made by Doucette (2<sup>nd</sup> Rora) and approved.
  - D. Further Discussion of Netten Request:
    - 1. The use of the Apalakis Fund, which is designated for Stoneham History use, was discussed in relation to the Town Pipe Organ.
    - 2. On a motion by DiDonato (2<sup>nd</sup> Fixman), use of \$2000 from the Apalakis Fund was approved for Town Pipe Organ repair to be presented to Mr. Netten with a suggestion that a concert be held to benefit the Stoneham Public Library upon completion of repairs.
  - E. Further Discussion of Mr. Porter's Porter Art Group Mural Plan:
    - 1. The Porter Group plan in general received a favorable reception.
    - 1. On a motion by Fixman (2<sup>nd</sup> Doucette), the Trustees agreed to meet on Monday, June 25, at 7:30 p.m. to guarantee time to fully discuss the planning and details that would be necessary for Mr. Porter's plan.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m. on a motion by Fixman (2<sup>nd</sup> Rora).  
Next meeting Monday, June 25, 2007