

GPL Trustees
November 23, 2015
Hollis Room
4:30 pm

Called to order at 4:26

Attendees:

Steve Golson - Treasurer
Thornton Ash - Chair
Andrew Beal - Secretary
Christine Schonhart - Director

Agenda:

- 1) Approve Minutes from prior meeting
- 2) Treasurer's report
- 3) Old business
- 4) Issues the Director would like to bring to our attention
- 5) Review a proposed capital plan
- 6) Review plans for study room
- 7) Brainstorm possible initiatives and activities for 2017

Notes:

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- 1) The September minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved
- 2) Treasurer's report - Steve updated the tracking sheet, clarified various funds and their status, presented the Certificate for Solicitation until July 2016, and began looking for a lawyer to do pro-bono work to review terms of the trust.
- 3-5) Old Business/Directors Report/Proposed capital plan -

The Building Commissioner recently came by the library, but he needs to come back with an HVAC expert.

We need a clear vision on our next steps on the HVAC dilemma. We need to find an engineering firm over the winter. Christine to reach out to BPL contacts. Finally, we need an assessment and options.

Gettysburg/Authentic Civil War Flag was appraised at \$15,000.

Arms conservator hopes to be done by end of calendar year.

Leather conservator doesn't have a clear timeline.

The Director plans to nominate GPL for a Library Journal "LibraryAware Community Award."
There will be no news until spring 2016.

The Director provided an update on Long-term Capital Requests. Both carpet and repainting are slated for FY 2017.

The big issues continue to be the HVAC, the roof, then painting and carpet.

Christine will continue to review handicap door needs.

Lingering landscaping issues will be postponed until paving and resolved at that time.

A review of the Hollis room policy was put on hold until next meeting.

Martha purchased new computers, vote needed to how to dispose of old equipment. Trustees voted unanimously to leave this up to the Director's discretion.

6) study room update -

The plan includes a flatscreen monitor, a table, and 6/8 chairs. The budget is being pulled together.

7) Brainstorm initiatives -

The Director shared the Aspen Institute "Rising to the Challenge" study looking at the future of public libraries.

The conversation focused on "How do we get more adults to stay in the library?"

Additionally, how do we keep staff motivated during the long stretches of quiet time.

Also, should we consider work space for people who need it intermittently?

We brainstormed programs: movie series, maker week, board game week, after hours programming, speaker series, and events with food.

We talked briefly of the staff work area, and supported the Director's idea to have a staff committee review the space and come up with a proposal.

Steve plans to check with a known landscaper to see if we can get a quote for future work.

Next Meeting... tentatively set for Dec. 29 at 10 am.

Meeting adjourned... 6:05