

DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
October 29, 2015
6:30 PM

Call to Order Meeting

Alison Cembalisty, Ron O'Connor, Library Trustees
Lorie Van Hook, Jocelyn Tavares, Library Staff
Ron Smith, Jo Ann Racine, Zachary Lapointe

New Business

- **Background on Dighton Public Library Building Program**
Jocelyn gave an overview on why the library was going through this process, a result of a loss of public space in the summer of 2013 when the Building Commissioner and Fire Chief required the Young Adult space to be closed, in addition to other issues with the building. Remedies required were costly at a time when the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) were offering a Planning and Design Grant Round. Discussion followed on the vision of the future of a library, library trends, community needs, a library in Dighton and the future of Dighton, in general. The Building Program was distributed to members for review. It was written with commentary from the Strategic Plan, Master Plan and research from library literature. Jocelyn invited feedback and questions. Suggested that the Building Plan be put on Library website.

- **Next Steps: Building Needs Committee**
This ad-hoc committee appointed by the Trustees will work on the pre-design feasibility study of the expansion of the library. This process includes the hiring of an Owners Project Manager (OPM) which is required, and an architect/designer for the study work. Other discussion focused on a consultant for the Building Program. (Please note: the Building Program has been approved by the MBLC.) The expectation is that this committee will not require a lot of volunteer time, and that different subcommittees will be able to divide the work at different points in time. Additionally, we are hoping to have liaisons to different town committees or professionals offer their knowledge as content experts throughout the process to make our project stronger.

Committee will be appointed by Trustees at next Trustee meeting on Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 PM.

- **Next Step: Owners Project Manager**
Jocelyn has been working with the Town Accountant on the Bid Documents for the OPM. It is almost ready to be put out to bid, and Jocelyn will be looking for a review team for the OPM. Will be in touch with the committee as dates become firm.

Questions/Input

Adjournment