

**Board of Trustees
Ilsley Public Library
Thursday, January 15, 4:33 pm.
Community Room, Ground floor of library
Minutes**

Board members in attendance:

Maria Graham, Chris Watters, Skylar Atkins, John Freidin.

Also in attendance: Kevin Unrath, Director.

Public & Board Comments - None

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

December minutes accepted unanimously as corrected.

Librarian's Report spotlight on adult services

Report accepted with thanks, and a couple questions. Mr. Watters asked about the Sparkfun workshop attendance (average of 8-10) and periodicity (2 so far, as part of The Zone). Mr. Watters suggested continuing this useful program and that space might be needed to accommodate this type of program.

Annual Statistics

No significant changes from previous year were noted, only small changes.

Mr. Freidin asked if there are previous years' statistics available, and if so could these be shared with a student or students at Middlebury to analyze for trends. There are, and Mr. Unrath will send them on. Mr. Unrath will also add percentages to each line item on the advice of Ms. Graham and Mr. Freidin.

Old Business

Mr. Freidin discussed the need for a fundraising committee, and suggested that the board would need to create this committee since it's outside the scope of the Building Committee's charge. He then talked about the cost for a feasibility study for fundraising, and after talking briefly with several feasibility consultants, found out that the cost was not insignificant (\$32,000 was quoted by one firm). Mr. Unrath will look into applying in June 2015 for a Walter Cerf Community Fund grant to fund the feasibility study.

Mr. Unrath relayed the strategic planning committee progress and next steps, including: that quantitative and qualitative reports are being compiled; these will be passed along to the board in summary format, in preparation for a retreat to set goals scheduled for the March board meeting.

Mr. Watters outlined the proposed Investment Policy and a robust discussion followed. The policy was not voted upon but tabled until April, but Mr. Freidin will look into sending Mr. Watters the ACLU investment policy for consideration.

Scheduling of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be February 19th 2015 at 5:15 in the Community Room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kevin Unrath