

Emma L. Andrews Library and Community Center Commission

Regular Meeting of the Commission

February 20, 2014

Minutes

Chair Aine Greaney called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Members Susan Chase, Donna Conway, Kristin Sherman and Elizabeth Valeriani were present.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as emailed on a motion by Susan Chase seconded by Donna Conway.

Donna Conway reported on events at the library. Story hours are held four times a week. The tween arts program meets biweekly. Other groups meet at the library for yoga, knitting, watercolor, memoir, writers group, Brownies, and Daisies. Coastal Communities is meeting at the library and monthly author's evening continues. A new group of eight writers affiliated with Poetry Heart of Portsmouth will be meeting through July 8.

The Souper Saturday was very well attended, and funding for summer children's programs looks promising.

The commission talked about the groups who will be discussing the books ordered through the grant from the Diversity and Tolerance Commission. Groups of adults, teens and tweens will read books and discuss them in peer groups. All groups will then read Project Mulberry and meet to talk about it together.

The commission will look into participating in National Novel Writers Month.

The Emma Andrews Association offered to donate \$5000.00 to the city for the ramp project. Peter Lombardi will report this donation to the city.

Mr. Lombardi reported on several items. Snow and ice has ripped the gutter off the roof near the back entrance. Peter Lombardi will look into insurance coverage.

Next Step living is checking into money due to the Emma Andrews library from last fall.

The city of Newburyport's social media policy will be in the employee handbook March 1.

The popular Trouble the Dog who has appeared on MSNBC is tentatively scheduled for a summer visit to the library.

Mr. Lombardi requested that the commission have figures ready for the annual report in July. He will send guidelines.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 on a motion by Susan Chase seconded by Elizabeth Valeriani.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Valeriani, Secretary