

Prince Memorial Library Board Minutes
March 18, 2009

Present: Adam Moody, Jennifer Gifford, Kathie Harper, Steve Moriarty, Thomas Bennett

We still need more members for the board. We were unable to elect officers for this year since we didn't have a quorum. Jennifer has graciously accepted to be the secretary since Kathie has been doing it for at least a year.

The discussion revolved around the library budget for next year. The main points being:

1. As with the Town Hall, the library will be continuing with four less operating hours at a savings of \$5,000 for the year. The full time staff will be working thirty-two hours and it will carry through '09-'10.
2. Thomas wanted input from the board as to how to make the restrictions work best.
3. Statistics are being circulated, attendance at programs is up.
4. In order to make the meeting space self-sustaining, it would cost approx. \$6,000.
5. Adam wondered if statistics by the hour could be documented, foot traffic?
6. Thomas likes having a standardized schedule and doesn't see opening later in the morning or closing earlier in the evening to be an option.
7. If he were to reinstate two hours on Saturday, it would cost approx. \$2,500 for the year.

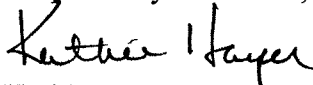
Thomas shared a human interest story about a woman from Lewiston who returned a 1950 borrowed book. He forgave the fine, @ 2 cents a day it would have amounted to \$3,500. A story about it will run in the Forecaster.

Adam noted that Library Appreciation Day will be on April 14th and suggested we do something for the staff.

Steve said that April 13th is the Council Budget Meeting for the whole budget.

Our next meeting will be on May 20th.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathie Harper