

Meeting Notes 03/09/2009

Attendees: Mamie Ney, Lori Medige, Sandy Agrafiotis, Elaine Pridham, Peter Howell, and Brian Dowd

Items Discussed:

St Michael's Update: The building committee is looking at options in the Architect's report. Money available from the Federal Stimulus package may effect what we do. Fred Wildenauer is in contact with ME congressional representatives to see how we can package our project for funding.

Mamie will send a pdf of the latest plans to LAB members when it is available

Weeding Workshop: Cleaning outdated books from the collection is critical in a crowded library. If too many books are on the shelf- patron's can't easily find what they are looking for and the library seems even more crowded. Last Wednesday a workshop was held for staff and progress has been made clearing out some children's and non-fiction shelves. This is a very time consuming project and will continue at a steady pace throughout they year.

Internet & Wireless Policy: The Internet Policy was reviewed and edited. Brian made a motion to accept the new policy, it was seconded by Peter and unanimously accepted by the LAB. The Wireless Policy was reviewed and edited. A motion was made by Peter to accept the new policy, it was seconded by Elaine and unanimously accepted by the LAB

Collection Development Policy- Mamie handed out a sample policy for the LAB members to review before the April meeting. Accepting a CDP will be the main objective of our next meeting.

Audio Books: Audio books continue to be very popular. Soon SBPL will announce that it is part of a state program which will allow patrons to download audio books to their own devices using their library cards.

Friends of the Library Update: The annual appeal is about to go out. This year's focus is to add to the audio book and children's collection

February Report: Circulation is up, but attendance is down. Mamie is concerned because most other area libraries have experienced a large upsurge in usage. Good News- Funding from the Steven King Foundation has been promised to make needed repairs to the roof. Annual review- Mamie is up for her first year review. Any comments from LAB members should be sent to Roberta