

## **Ipswich Public Library Board of Trustees**

### **Monday, March 13th, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm, upstairs conference room

**Present:** Nora Blake (library director), Susie Green, Dorothy Johnson, Ellen Maher (secretary), Jennifer Norton, Lisa Palance, Lawrence Pszenny (vice chair), Thomas Smith (treasurer), Douglas Stewart

**Absent:** George Gray (chair)

**Report from Friends:** This Saturday, the Friends will have a fiction-only donation day. A previous donation day resulted in really good quality books, even on short notice, so they're hopeful for more of the same. The next book sale is on May 13th, and on May 16th Tracey Kidder will give the next Johnson Lecture. The Friends are planning to send out another Constant Contact, and are also looking for new board members.

**Minutes:** approved

**Correspondence:** none

**Citizen's Queries:** none

**Director's Report:** The search is finally over; the library will have a new Assistant Director as of March 27th; Haley Hart comes to us after stints at the Winchester and Georgetown Public Libraries, with a background in circulation and teen services. Starting April 12th the library will run a Reading Yoga program. On April 28th, the library will take part in the placing of a plaque at John Updike's writing office; the ceremony will include a public reading of the classic short story "A&P" and refreshments here at the library.

**Treasurer's Report:** nothing to report

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Cheers:** Though Ms. Green stands at the ready, there is currently nothing to report.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Some very exciting projects are taking form.

**Art:** The Arts committee hosted mentalist and magician Melies on March 10th,

**Landscaping:** Again, there may be exciting news to report as the spring advances.

**Investments:** The committee met on February 27th and will meet again next week, where they're looking for clarity on specific funds.

**Old Business:** The newly revised Mission Statement passes unanimously.

**New Business:** none

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.