

**SOMERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES FROM May 9, 2012**

**In Attendance:**

Trustees: Kate Van Sleet, June Pietrantonio, Anil Gullapalli, Lillian Riley, Mark Howland, Laura Saunders

Library Director: Maria Carpenter

The meeting was called to order at 6:04.

**Minutes:**

*Kate Van Sleet moves to accept the March minutes. Lillian Riley seconds. The March minutes unanimously approved.*

*Kate Van Sleet moves to accept the April minutes. Anil Gullapalli seconds. The April minutes unanimously approved.*

**Director's Report:**

The Director reported on the success of the Somerville Reads program and the community activities connected to the program. She also outlined her FY2013 budget requests, goals and possible collaborations with local organizations.

**President's Report:**

Motion to approve the Vision Statement:

*Kate Van Sleet moves to adopt the Vision Statement as distributed to the Board. Anil Gullapalli seconds. The motion is unanimously approved.*

Mark Howland proposed the following motion in support of the Director's goals for FY2013 (and beyond):

*The Board of Trustees of the Somerville Public Library supports the following strategic objectives:*

- Increasing the library budget to meet the MBLC requirements for certification including a 12% minimum expenditure on new materials.*
- Providing City support for library programming and strategic partnership initiatives.*
- Investing in library technology to systematically update hardware and software.*
- Maintaining staffing required to meet service goals.*

*Kate Van Sleet seconds. The motion is unanimously approved.*

**Committees:**

**New Library:**

The President requested that the Board meet again in May to discuss marketing strategies for discussing the new library with city constituents.

**New Advocacy/Web Presence:**

Anil Gullapalli discussed the Trustee Blog and the inclusion of Trustee bios and photos.

**New Business:**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 6 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Kate Van Sleet, Secretary