

**Brooks Memorial Library  
Fine Arts Committee Meeting  
March 4, 2015 8:30 AM**

**Present: Tom Murray; Judith Bellamy; Helene Henry; Christine deVallet; Prudence Baird**  
**-- Staff: Jerry Carbone. Absent: Pam Becker; Tracey Devlin.**

**1. Call to order:** In Pam's absence, Tom called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

**2. Changes to the agenda:** Jerry added "2<sup>nd</sup> floor exhibit case" to the agenda

**3. Public comment:** None

**4. Minutes of February 4:** No changes.

**5. Old Business**

- **Fine Art Policy Review:** Judith provided final copies of the edited the entire policy. The committee accepted Judith's suggested language appendix D "Conditions for Loans..." *Christine moved that the policy BR9-7 to Br9-17, plus appendices now be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for approval.* Prudence 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Jerry will place the revised policy on the agenda for the Board of Trustees March 10 meeting.
- **Recognition of committee member:** Prudence has volunteered to make arrangements at the Backside Café for a lunch to honor the retired committee members. Judith will check with the honoree to see if either March 18 or March 19 can work with her schedule.
- **Eric Carle exhibit on Picture Book Art inspired by Illuminated Manuscript:** Prudence made contact with the curator, Ellen Keiter, regarding the loan of the exhibit. Ellen stated that the loan could be made under the following conditions: 1. That the library guarantee a replacement fee of \$400 in case the exhibit is damaged under our care and 2. That the exhibit be shipped via FedEx. Prudence will ask Ellen whether library staff or committee member can pick up the exhibit and clarify whether the \$400 is a fee or an insurance guarantee against damage. The committee also decided on Jan/Feb 2016 as the exhibit dates.
- **Upcoming exhibits:** Christine discussed upcoming exhibits at the library, and proposed a discussion around whether the library should consider a moratorium of public art display until the Building and Grounds Committee completes their work on space reconfiguration. The committee agreed to discuss this concept again in the April meeting

**6. New Business**

- **Exhibit case on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor:** Jerry wanted to pick up again on the agreement between the Trustees and Brattleboro Historical Society for the transfer of one of the large exhibit cases on the mezzanine. In addition, he wanted the committee to consider the transfer an exhibit case on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Since these cases are used perhaps twice a year, and there is a difficulty in sustaining an exhibit schedule in both cases, it was suggested that the library should retain only one and that should be sufficient for upcoming exhibits, as well as protection under the Hunt sculpture that hangs on the wall. Jerry will ask Bolsters for an estimate on moving these cases to the Brattleboro Historical Society.

**7. Other:** None

**8. Adjournment:** Prudence made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40AM. Christine seconded the motion. All voted to adjourn.

**NEXT MEETING: April 1, 8:30 AM**