



RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes: From Thursday December 8, 2011 -- 7:00 pm
Rye Public Library New Hampshire Room

Attendance:

Representing Rye Community: Elisa Bolton, Connie Olsen

Representing the Friends of the Rye Public Library: Kendra Gemmet

Representing Rye Schools: Mary Coombs

Representing RPL Staff: Tricia Quinn (Assoc. Director), Andy Richmond (Library Director).

Supporting Materials: (please find attached)

Slide handout. Draft Strategic Plan

Presentation and discussion:

The meeting opened with a recap of our current stage in the planning process –Design. In this stage, needs have been assessed, mission is reviewed, and goals and measurements are established. Please note the new graphic concept for the Plan introduced in the slide handout. Work continued on the mission/vision review element of the design stage, building on our draft vision statement from November’s meeting, we revised the working draft of the mission statement and developed the following:

Rye Public Library Draft Mission Statement

The Rye Public Library will be a friendly and inviting place providing unrestricted access to an array of materials, programs and technologies that inform, educate and entertain. We will promote the value of reading and encourage the quest for knowledge and experience to enrich lifelong learning, discovery and creativity. The Library will be *a mine of good and a fountain of help* in the guiding spirit of our original benefactor, Mary Tuck Rand.

We next continued the review of a working list of goals and objectives drawn from our research to date along with the both Visioning and Technology discussion input. Work has continued on the further distillation of this large summary list of compiled goals, taking into consideration the service response selections made by Committee survey last month. Preliminary budget and timeline proposals have been drafted, and Opus Advisors will take a role in helping establish measurement metrics relative to each of our final goals and objectives.

A draft of the final Strategic Planning report document format has been attached.

The draft document has been presented to the Rye Public Library Board of Trustees and will be reviewed at their next regular meetings in January and February.

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Actions: Please review the attached materials. Please review and provide comments on the attached draft document.

Next Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 12, 7:00 pm at RPL

Future Meeting Schedule: February meeting: **Thursday Feb 9, 7:00 pm at RPL.** March meeting: **Thursday Mar 8, 7:00 pm at RPL.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Richmond, Director
Rye Public Library

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