

Minutes

Trustees of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library

February 11, 2019

Attending: Director – Mary Anne Antonellis, Chair - Michele Regan-Ladd, Savanna Ouellette, Brad Foster, Michele Cunningham Absent: Jaime Donta, Kate Cell.

Tim Logan, a Shutesbury resident, joined us at our meeting and expressed a desire to join us frequently at future meetings. Trustees welcomed him to join us as a non-voter. Tim is eager to assist us with a variety of tasks as our campaign gets underway.

Approvals

January Minutes and Director Report approved unanimously.

Update on Finance Committee Meeting

Request for wireless hotspot on budget (\$1,000) was questioned because of possibility of it being covered by Broadband. Since there were some questions that needed to be answered by Broadband Committee, Mary Anne contacted Gail Huntress, Chair of Broadband Committee and will be meeting with her to go over the library needs and to discern whether or not the hotspot will be necessary. The Finance Committee is willing to wait for definitive answers and if the hotspot purchase is needed, the Finance Committee will support it.

Update on Friends' assistance with New Library Building Campaign

Upcoming meeting with the local State Representatives - Brad is planning to attend this meeting in Sunderland on Friday February 15th. We feel that attendance is important so our representatives can put a face to our library and be aware of our need for the continued support of libraries at the state level.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Monday, March 11, 2019 at 7:30** at the library. Michele C. will send Kate and Jaime an e-mail about next meeting to assure we have a quorum.

Meeting Agenda:

- Approvals
- Update on Libby Post
- Update on Jim McGovern's aid and discussion with Mary Anne regarding grants and funding
- Update on Capital Planning
- Update by Savanna on Town Building Use Committee
- April Library Giving Day

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michele Cunningham.

February 2019 Director Report

M.N. Spear Memorial Library
10 Cooleyville Road
Shutesbury, MA 01072
Mary Anne Antonellis, Director
Director Report: February 2019

Friends of the Library

Corned Beef Dinner at the Shutesbury Athletic Club – Friday, March 15th

Library Giving Day – April 10th

National online giving day for libraries organized by the Seattle Public Library Foundation.

As of today there are 41 libraries registered, three in Massachusetts.

This is mostly a do-it-yourself endeavor. We are making plans to promote it to our community of supporters.

Shutesbury Cultural Council Grants Awarded for 2019

Teaching Creatures - \$290 – Provides two live animal programs

Gentle Yoga - \$500 – Will cover most yoga classes this spring

The Play Workshop - \$500 – Will provide our pop-up playground in conjunction with the ice cream social

Shutesbury STEAM Academy - \$500 – Two science themed workshops for families with Kosmic Kelly

Line Dance - \$350 – Six line dance classes this spring

Collage Class - \$500 – Four-week art class for adults

LSTA Grant

I am working with Rosie Heidkamp, Wendell Library, on an LSTA grant application focusing on wellness. We hope to secure funds to offer some introduction to fitness classes for a two year period, beginning October 2019.

Community Outreach

I attended the Council on Aging Community Luncheon on Tuesday, February 6th. I shared info about our upcoming community read of [The Stranger in the Woods](#) and dropped off a few copies of the books.

Fun Fact

745 of Shutesbury's 1820 residents are 55 or older.

Program news

In January, we moved our Library knitting group from a monthly evening meeting to a monthly daytime meeting. Attendance tripled.