

MN Spear Library  
Trustee Meeting Notes  
Monday, December 15, 2014

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Molly Moss, Gail Fleischaker, Michele Sedor, Dale Houle, Kate Cell, Michele Regan-Ladd, Mary Anne Antonellis (Library Director)

GUEST: Robert Raymond

1. Minutes passed as amended.
2. Discussion of level of detail and attribution of quotes for minutes. Agreement that minutes should summarize motions, decisions, and action items.
3. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Molly & Mary Anne will get together in early January to discuss and plan budget, which needs to be presented to trustees during January meeting, and finance committee on Feb 17.
4. Library Director's Report
  - a. Mary Anne reports on Valley Gives and Friends of Library soups and stews dinner. Valley Gives: We met challenge gift of \$2500 by 11AM. We netted \$9434.62. Shutesbury raised almost the same amount as the Forbes Library in Northampton. Outreach efforts included targeted mailing, town-wide mailing, eCricket, FB, sandwich board on town common, school newsletter, social media, etc.  
  
Community Dinner sponsored by Friends of the Library netted \$760 dollars, \$160 more than last year.  
  
Note that Chris Warren won't be creating Shutesbury items or holding inventory to the same extent, so that funding stream may change.
  - b. The MBLC and the Maine Public Library system are applying for a federal grant to the Institute of Museum and Library Service to promote STEM in the libraries in both states. They chose Shutesbury, Bellingham, and Methewen in MA, and Portland, Auburn, and Bar Harbor in ME as pilot projects. It's a 30 month program and the library is expected to contribute 2 -3 hours a week on average, to develop programming, make outreach materials, and report on grant. If the application is successful, we will receive telescopes, microscopes, and other materials.
  - c. Conference call w/ Outside the Box (Kayak program funders) last week OCLC (library think tank), the Project for Public Spaces, and RedBox (funder). They are trying to get more money from RedBox to revisit existing projects to build upon, and they really like our project. Mary Anne will watch and see whether Outside the Box will be amenable to further support for existing projects such as ours.
5. Proposal from townsperson.
  - a. Mary Anne: A townsperson suggested that there might be a way to renovate the Old Town Hall, purchase a nearby property currently on the market, and construct an addition between the two to form our new library. Mary Anne will try to get this item on the Select Board's agenda at a time when several trustees can also attend.
  - b. Trustees mentioned the Broadband Committee's meeting on Saturday December 20.
6. Decision to reschedule January meeting for Monday January 12<sup>th</sup> (second Monday) since third Monday is a holiday (Martin Luther King Day).
7. Public Conversations Project Update from Kate – Had a conversation with Director of Partnerships, John Sarrouf, who helps groups and communities engage in meaningful and useful dialogs where there can be divisions along value lines. John offered free consultation to any town body interested in engaging. Trustees will bear in mind and Kate can follow up.
8. Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Cell, Secretary to the Board of Library Trustees