

Trustees of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library

Minutes 3/19/18

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

Minutes from December, 2017 and Director's Report Approved.

Minutes from February, 2018 and Director's Report Approved.

Decision to postpone vision discussion and revisit at April Meeting to include as part of our Town Meeting statement. Everyone will send their vision statements to Mary Anne who will combine all the notes in one document. Kate will type up Savanna's notes and send to Mary Anne.

Discussion about the best message for April "Our Town" which is due on Friday, March 30, 2018. Kate will craft a document that summarizes our discussion and send to Mary Anne for edits. Mary Anne will send to Michele Regan-Ladd and Brad to review. Perhaps send to "Nextdoor Shutesbury" at some point.

Security update: Mary Anne is in the process of getting a quote for the panic button from a vendor. We will discuss this and other security concerns at a future meeting.

Meeting on Thursday, May 10th, 10:00 A.M. with Rosemary Waltos, Board of Library Commissioners construction specialist. It would be ideal for up to 3 trustees to attend. Michele Regan-Ladd and Michele Cunningham will not be able to attend. Location TBD.

Library advocacy – Mary Anne wrote to rep Steve Kulik and Governor Baker on behalf of libraries and shared uplifting stories about our library. Brief discussion about the importance of advocacy on the part of trustees, as well. Addresses of Representative Steve Kulik, Senator Stan Rosenberg and Governor Charlie Baker in March Director's Report.

Mary Anne Also met with an anonymous donor who has pledged \$4000 for Valley Gives to be matched.

April Meeting –Monday, 4/9/18 – 6:30 at the library. **Please note earlier time.**

Agenda:

Approvals

Town Meeting Message

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michele Cunningham

March Director's Report

M.N. Spear Memorial Library
Mary Anne Antonellis, Director
March 16, 2018

New substitute circulation clerk:

We needed to expand our substitute pool so Jen Taylor who has helped out quite a bit with program promotion has joined our substitute staff.

Closed due to snow:

The Library was closed Tuesday, March 13th due to the snow storm.

The recent storms have caused many library closings across the State and many delivery cancellations leading to longer wait times for holds.

Spring Spruce-Ups:

The Friends hope to raise \$2,000 with spring spruce-ups. They have begun to book jobs, beginning April 7th. SSU jobs are Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday morning at 9 am. Four adults do one hour of yard work for a \$100 donation to the Friends' new library fund. Last year 24 volunteers completed 17 jobs. While some volunteers help with multiple jobs, more than half help once. Giving one hour can raise \$2,000! To book a job or to volunteer please contact Susie Mosher, sndmoes@verizon.net.

Dates to remember:

Joint Capital Planning/Finance Committee meeting, Thursday, March 22nd, time TBA

Library Week Community Dinner, Friday, April 13th.

Valley Gives Day is Tuesday, May 1st.

Annual Town Meeting, Saturday, May 5th

Please visit the website for a list of programs: <https://sites.google.com/site/mnspearmemoriallibrary/>

One highlight is a living history program in collaboration with the 250 Anniversary Committee.

Wednesday, March 28th, 7pm, at Town Hall

All to the Tune of a Hickory Stick:

A Look at Education in the One Room Schoolhouse

A presentation by local "Living History" professional, Dennis Picard.

CWMARS has a new logo and tagline



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It is always a good time to contact our government official to ask for support for libraries.

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