

M.N. Spear Library Trustees Meeting
February 23, 2015

Members present – Michele Regan-Ladd, Molly Moss, Dale Houle, Gail Fleischaker & Library Director – Mary Anne Antonellis

Absent – Michele Sedor & Kate Cell

Guest – Michele Cunningham

1. Minutes were not reviewed from the January Meeting – postponed until March Meeting.
2. Darby House Proposal – looks like the house is under contract.
3. Update from Select Board Meeting – Mary Anne, Dale & Gail attended. Was generally a positive experience. At least twice the Library Trustees were asked to take a lead in this Visionary Process and the Trustee reps and Mary Anne declined. It was not our initiative and we did not want to take the initiative. The LFNAC had already looked at the Old Town Hall. One of the Select Board stated that it could be unifying for the town. The Select Board is going to consider the Planning Boards' Visioning Process. The Group for Civil Communication went to the Finance Committee asking for funds to support. Funds would need to be approved at Town Meeting. It's possible the funding for the consultant for the Visioning Process will be a Warrant Article at Town Meeting.
4. Finance Committee has already recommended for \$25,000 to be put into the account for a future library, as part of the town budget for this year's Town Meeting.
5. Finance Committee – Mary Anne presented out budget for next year along with Michele Sedor at a recent meeting. Mary Anne reviewed the history of our budgets over the past few years and we now have a sustainable budget from a variety of sources. We do need the 2 ½% increase annually in order to get the state aid. The town budget is really tight this year and the Finance Committee had not even figured out if they will be able to fund raises for town employees. Mary Anne will attend the Capital Planning meeting when that is scheduled to request the \$25,000 for a future library.
6. The Annual Report was approved as amended – omit "of whom".
7. STEM & STEAM Grant updates – no news; we will hear in March whether or not the MBLC got the grant. 4 state agencies, 6 libraries are involved –one of which is MN Spear; it's a national grant.
8. Update on Mitten Making Workshops & Felt Scarf Making workshops – well attended and brought groups of people together talking who did not know one another.
9. Perpetual Calendar - talk about next month.
10. Fine Policy – Mary Anne reviewed the Jones Library Fine/Lost Item policy in relationship to borrowing items. Discussion about the Jones Fine Policy to allow for more flexibility about returning lost items. Mary Anne will draft a formal policy for review at the next meeting. Discussion about it being a "Practice" rather than a "Policy".

Meeting Adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Regan-Ladd
Co-Chair Trustees