

**MN Spear Memorial Library Trustees  
Meeting  
January 11, 2016**

Members Present: Chair Molly Moss, Secretary Michele Cunningham, Gail Fleischaker, Dale Houle, Michele Regan-Ladd  
Library Director - Mary Anne Antonellis  
Absent: Kate Cell

Minutes from 12/14/15 approved unanimously as amended.

Capital Planning Meeting 1/28/16. Mary Anne scheduled to report to the Finance Committee at the Capital Planning Meeting at 8:45 for about 15 minutes to reiterate our request that \$25,000 be placed in the Capital Planning Fund for a new library, as has been recommended by the Finance Committee and accepted by Town Meeting in the past. Trustees who can will attend the meeting.

Director's Report reviewed and filed. Michele will send copy to Gail.

Molly will craft a letter to the State Legislature requesting that the state restore the library technology funding to the budget. Trustees will discuss during February meeting and Molly will send it to everyone in advance.

Jessica Carlson-Belanger requested a letter of support for a Community Preservation Grant she is applying for to create a walking/ running track around the school. Mary Anne will write a letter of support on behalf of the trustees and will get it out to her by the end of the week.

Annual Report - Unanimously approved as amended. Michele will send to Gail.

Focus groups and surveys – will discuss at next meeting. Mary Anne will e-mail the survey to us before next meeting.

Next Meeting February 8, 2016. Dale will post.

Agenda Items:

Approve January Minutes

Discuss Director's Report

Review letter for restoring technology funding for libraries by State Legislature

Next steps on Focus Groups

Respectfully submitted by Michele Cunningham, Secretary

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Monthly Report: January 8, 2016

The Friends have received 59 individual and family memberships for 2016 already. This year the membership brochure includes a New Library donation line and nine people have made extra contributions specifically for the new library via the Friends memberships. In December, five people made contributions to the New Library Fund via the Razoo page we set up for Valley Gives.

Valley Gives Day 2016 will be Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, just a few days before Town Meeting (Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.) We will be participating once again.

The Friends will be having a bake sale in the senior lounge on March 1<sup>st</sup>, Election Day. All donations of homemade baked goods are appreciated.

The Shutesbury Education Foundation has dissolved its organization. They made a contribution of \$4,632 to the Friends of the Library.

Tech Soup for Libraries is organizing a presentation about digital storytelling for advocacy at the PLA conference in Denver in April. They have asked if they can show our video since it is an excellent example. I said yes but I asked them to credit Lindsay Van Dyke (our volunteer film maker) and I directed them to her website. This is not the first time the video will be used in this way and I am pleased that its positive message is still inspiring people.

I have been invited to participate in a fundraising for libraries conference at the Covina Public Library in California using Google Hangouts.

Linda has decided she can no longer cover on Sundays. I have been filling Saturdays with substitutes for several months and have just decided that I need to find a regular Saturday person. Now I need a Sunday person too. I will first go through the applications we got when Cynthia was hired and ask suitable candidates. We have enough substitutes and I have flexibility in my schedule so this transition time will be manageable.

Patrons continue to express appreciation for our Friday hours!