

M.N. Spear Memorial Library
Minutes 2/13/17

Attending: Library Director, Mary Anne Antonellis, Chairs Molly Moss and Kate Cell, Dale Houle, Brad Foster, Michele Regan-Ladd, Secretary, Michele Cunningham

Trustees signed form from MBLC that states participation on Board of Trustees

Minutes from 1/9/17 Approved unanimously as amended.

Director's Report Approved unanimously.

Library Legislative Day – Tuesday, March 7, 2017 - Molly gave overview of the day, bus trip, lunch provided \$20. Mary Anne will be attending. Meet other library people and have a chance to speak with legislators. And there's a raffle! Mary Anne has forms to complete for those who attend and will e-mail Friends of the Library to check on interest.

Brad talked about Legislative Breakfast in Greenfield. Fascinating meeting many stood up and spoke and spoke about the state budget and a call for budgets restored or not cut and the effects of budget cuts. Stan Rosenberg talked about saving money and advocacy – underlying message political life is changing and the time is ripe for active participation. Kate affirmed the necessity of speaking up/pushing back with an example of the recent ethics committee process.

Proposed plan – Mary Anne glimmer of good news – each library line in the state budget got a 1% increase which, although small, demonstrates a commitment. Proposed that we each compose a letter at our next meeting. Mary Anne will send us information for ideas on what to include in our letters. 12-13 letters and if each of us gets one other person to write message more likely to be heard. Get someone east of 495 to write a letter, as well.

Brad and others do not know the specific library issues – library delivery cut back, services for libraries have been cut off, Board of library commissioners is a third of what it was prior to now. Mary Anne will send the legislative agenda to trustees.

Review/Discuss Master Plan Working Group Report – in process - topic tabled until next meeting.

Shutesbury historical artifacts shared by Karen Traub and Paul. Molly spoke with the archivist at the Forbes and she gave her a couple of names of archaeologists. Concerns with legality – Dale suggested our town attorney, Donna MacNicol, about legal rights regarding possession of these items. Mary Anne spoke to Rosie at Wendell Library who has a cookie tin in her library. Is it catalogued? If catalogued you are creating records from scratch. Northampton Forbes Library does not have a catalogue for those types of things as reported by Molly. Mary Anne will talk to archaeologists she knows in town. Depending on their response may go to Donna and Leslie. We will discuss at our next

meeting. A display could go into Town Hall along with other artifacts from 250th anniversary. Could display in school for Town Meeting.

Discuss setting up a fund as requested by a patron who would like to leave a donation in her will. That money would be a town held account and the process requires us to have the money first and then make a decision if we are going to accept it depending upon if and how it might be restricted. Kate will talk to her planned giving expert to discern a proper response and will respond to the patron on behalf of the Trustees.

Policies: We discussed collection development policy so that when people bring a book and request that we add it to the collection we can respond with clarity. Sometimes people really want their donation as part of the collection. Usually Mary Anne says we will put in the book sale a response that is sometimes not well received. Mary Anne found an old "policy" (not dated or approved) in her records. It gives us a good starting place – needs updating i.e. audio tapes no longer purchased. Molly and Mary Anne will be a working group to review the document and create a new document. Having a clear stance is our goal for policies.

Congratulations to Molly Moss now the new Assistant Director of the Forbes Library!

Two individuals have agreed to run for Trustee at next Town Meeting – Jamie Donta and Savanna Ouellette. Dale Houle and Molly Moss will complete their terms.

Reminder for summer agenda - Coalition building idea - think about other organizations in town who we can connect to and provide mutual support. Council on Aging Bingo night in March - Fireman's pancake breakfast - spaghetti dinner at SES – Chile dinner this Friday, AC Club - All proceeds to go to ACLU. Mary Anne will get library buttons for us to wear at various functions we might attend.

Kate created and submitted article to Roadtown News on behalf of the library that included lots of great quotes gathered by Mary Anne from satisfied library users.

Agenda for next meeting March 20, 2017 - 7:30

- Approvals

- Artifacts

- Collection Development Policy

- Report back from legislative day

- MPWG update

- Town Meeting plans

- Advocacy letters

Mary Anne will post the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michele Cunningham

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Director's Notes
February 13, 2017

Jury Duty

I am scheduled for Jury duty on February 21st. I have tentative coverage planned for my shifts for the rest of that week in the event that I am required to serve.

Friends of the Library St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Corned beef with the usual sides. 6 pm, Friday, March 17th, at the SAC.

Valley Gives

Valley Gives is scheduled for May 2nd. The Community Foundation has moved the event to a new online fundraising platform called Kimbia. I participated in a Valley Gives webinar on February 2nd.

Shutesbury Cultural Council Grants

I am pleased to report that we were awarded the following grants.

Pop-Up-Playground with the Play Workshop - \$500

Gentle Yoga (twelve weeks beginning March 15th) - \$600

Nature and Local History Photography Presentations (2) by Dale Monette - \$400

In addition, I supported the applications for grants by Julie Stepanek for Ukulele Strum-Alongs and Arthur Evans for the Makerspace workshops. We will be hosting their Cultural Council funded programs.

Shutesbury Council on Aging

The COA will contribute \$200 towards yoga, making it possible to extend yoga for an additional four weeks in June.

Programs this week

Wednesday, February 15th, 7 pm, Town Hall
Neurofitness for the Mature Brain

Sunday, February 19th, noon - 2 pm, Town Hall
Lego Club

Summer Reading Program Planning

Cynthia and I will both attend a summer reading program planning workshop hosted by the Massachusetts Library System on Friday, March 3rd.

Library Legislative Day at the Statehouse

The Western MA Library Advocates are once again chartering a bus for Library Legislative Day at the State House on Tuesday, March 7 (less than a month away!).

For only \$20, you can choose one of three convenient parking places in West Springfield, Palmer, or Auburn. The bus will provide round-trip transportation and lunch is provided at the Legislative Day event - that's transportation to Boston and lunch for only \$20!

Seats are limited.