M.N. Spear Memorial Library Minutes

6-12-17

Attemding: Mary Anne Antonellis – Library Director, Kate Cell, Chair, Michele Cunningham Secretary, Michele Regan-Ladd, Brad Foster, Jamie Donta

* Approvals (minutes, director’s report): Amended Minutes and Director’s Report approved unanimously.
* Valley Gives debrief: We had a $4,000 challenge from anonymous donor that was met and we also got over $7,000 in online donations. Inspiring event. We plan to bring attention to this in the Our Town Newsletter and Mary Ann will get the date to Kate so she can compose that note of gratitude to share with the town. We have reached a $300,000 goal and surpassed by $5,000. We have a sign created by Mike Crow in gratitude to the town to present at ice cream social.
* MPWG debrief: Michele gave a summary of the report process and the recent Select Board meeting and the reticence to adopt it as written. Another Select Board meeting on 6/13/17 with some further discussion. Planning Board looking at it tonight.
* Town meeting debrief/forward strategy – Comment that at Town Meeting we didn’t get to see exactly how people felt about the Library budget because the entire budget was approved as one item, after Town voted to stop the discussion on line items. Continue with positive messaging, great service, and fund raising, for forward strategy.
* 250th committee – They have a small amount of money and some expenses – anticipate having about $100 – Would like a Local History collection –They would be the trustees of that. Having a fund involves talking to the Town Accountant about the possibility and guidelines. Mary Anne Recommends that they talk to her first. Do they want for local history now, or in the future? Mary Anne will contact them and let them know when our next meeting is and we will discuss further then after they speak to the Town Accountant.
* Upcoming (ice cream social, thanks to Dale & Molly, welcoming our new trustees): Kate will speak briefly at the event. Play for the kids starts at 6:00 pm and Ice Cream at 7:00.
* Process for three officers – Presently Co-chairs, - Molly and Kate, treasurer - Brad, clerk – Michele C. Since Molly has finished her term we will talk about having a Co-Chair to serve with Kate since that set up has worked well for our group.

Next Meeting tentatively scheduled for July 10, 2017 - with hopes that Savannah can attend. Kate will send her an e-mail to check about her availability.

Tentative Agenda

Approvals

MPWG update

250thcommittee

Elections

Check in on Perpetual Calendar (Google Drive)

Review By-Laws (Google Drive)

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Director notes June 2017

As of June 6, 2017 – New Library Savings

FSML – New Library Fund: $126,440.00

Barr Ashcroft: $13,740.29

Town-held Library building donations: $4,887.24

Town meeting appropriations: $152,700 (There is currently $127,700 and the $25,000 appropriated at ATM will be transferred at the beginning of the new Fiscal Year.)

Valley Gives online: $7,129

**Total saved to date: $304,896.53**

On Wednesday, June 7th the SES Preschool visited during their annual community helpers field trip. I read stories, gave them a snack and watched while they enjoyed playing in the sandbox.

On Thursday, June 8th and Friday, June 9th I visited each class at SES, from Kindergarten to fifth grade and invited the children to visit the library over the summer and to participate in the many programs we have planned. We have twelve programs planned, starting with the Pop-Up Playground and Ice Cream Social on June 16th. Other highlights include two Storystars programs with live animal visitors, two story times at Lake Wyloa and a puppet show about dinosaurs. We have also designed a fun summer reading Bingo card to encourage readers to expand their reading repertoire. Details about programs are on the website.

The Master Plan working Group released its Visioning Report in May. They met with the Selectboard on May 30th to discuss next steps. There was an hour of discussion about the quality of the data and the conclusions drawn in the report. The Selectboard will continue discussion about the report at their next meeting on June 13th.

The report is published on Shutesbury.org, here is a link, <http://www.shutesbury.org/sites/default/files/offices_committees/mpwg/Shutesbury%20Vision%20Report%20-%20May2017%20-%20Final%20-%20wAppendices.pdf>

I have arranged to have the rugs cleaned. Amherst Maintenance will pick them up early Tuesday, June 13th and return them in about a week.

I will be on vacation from June 26th until July 5th.