

Board of Library Trustees
Minutes 2/4/2015

Present: Sarah Summers (Co-Chair), Jeanne Ivas, Kathryn Mudgett, Christine Smith, Rebecca Freer (Director), Judy McConarty

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the January meeting were deferred.

Reports:

Director:

- The library was closed due to snow storms on 1/27, 1/28 and 2/2.
- The Norwell Reads book selection, *In the Heart of the Sea*, by Nathaniel Philbrick will be announced at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on 2/11.
- It has been necessary to cancel several Mama Steph programs due to lack of parking. Lack of parking has been an ongoing problem that has been exacerbated by all the snow.

Financial Report: Expenditures through January are in line with expectations for this point in the fiscal year.

Friends Report:

- Raffles are in progress for a Buttonwoods gift certificate and a valentine basket.
- The library is hoping to purchase an interactive projection system or smart flat screen TV for the meeting room.

Library/Town Hall Study Committee:

- Committee members met with Interim Town Administrator, Peter Hechenbleikner, to discuss funding options for a library/town hall building project.
- The committee is conducting a survey to gauge site and other preferences. A 5-question postcard survey will be mailed out to all residents. In addition, a more extensive survey will be available in print and online. A link to the online survey will be posted on the town website. The survey deadline is 3/6.
- The committee will meet with the Board of Selectmen to review wording for an article on the town meeting warrant to go forward with a library/town hall building project.
- The next Library/Town Hall Study Committee meeting will be on 2/17 at 6 pm.

FY16 Budget:

- Becky and Judy met with Interim Town Administrator, Peter Hechenbleikner, to discuss the library's FY16 budget request. They stressed that the library's request would bring the budget back in line with the Municipal Appropriation Requirement (MAR) for the first time since FY09.
- The library is on the Advisory Board's 3/5 meeting agenda to present its budget request.

Community Forum March 25: Consultant, Cheryl Bryan, will be facilitating a forum at the library on 3/25 to share information and gather input from residents regarding a building program for a new library.

Policy Review: Deferred.

Town meeting will be on 5/4/15.

The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. Recorded by Judy McConarty