

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
APRIL 18, 2012
CHICK ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Tom Reinfuss, Acting Chairperson; Sandra Carr, Mary Russell, Mary Anne Sosnoff, Peter Stevens, Mary Cronin, Library Director

ABSENT: Ron Force, Angela Johnson, Melissa LaRoche, Carol Batchelder, Friends of the Library

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Tom Reinfuss at 3:30 PM.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR: Ron Force was not able to attend the meeting, so the election of Chair and Vice Chair will be put off another month. Tom Reinfuss, Acting Chair for this meeting, will call Ron Force to let him know. Mary Russell said she has contacted two prospective new board members and has suggested that they come to a meeting.

APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES: The March 21 minutes erroneously stated that Tom Reinfuss would contact the two prospective board members and this was changed to Mary Russell. There was one spelling correction of a name. With these changes, Peter Stevens moved to approve the minutes and Sandra Carr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved and accepted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Treasurer Angela Johnson was unable to attend the meeting. The board looked over the Treasurer's Report and found it all in order. Peter Stevens moved to accept the report and Mary Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mary Cronin said she has gotten a quote on software that looked good but was expensive. She said she is looking to go in with area libraries to save money. She said the state library is still moving forward slowly with software. Mary said the Friends of the Library have said they will pay up to \$5,000 for technology this year, but that we may need to put it in the operating budget for next year or have a warrant article. There was a discussion of software and funding.

Mary said a local author is coming to the library on June 16 to read from his book, "The Titanic for Young Readers." On June 21, Russ Lanoie will give a workshop on Unpaved Roads/Driveway Maintenance.

Mary said she and Leonora attended the Small Library Summit, hosted by the NHLA and the NHSL. She said this was a very informative talk on the Right to Know Law. Mary handed out relevant documents from this meeting to board members. She said she also took notes which she will share if anyone is interested. She said you have to be careful about corresponding by e-mail so that it isn't considered a meeting. She said it's best to send e-mails and just say, "Let's discuss at the next meeting." Sandra Carr pointed out that it would be easy to go awry of this law.

Mary said she would like to plan a volunteer breakfast for June 22 and would like to have some Trustees attend. She said we do this every year and it works out very well.

GALLERY: There is more children's artwork that will be here till approximately the end of April.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Mary said the Friends are having their annual meeting at the end of the month. She said they voted at their last executive meeting to donate an additional \$500 for books, for a total of \$2,000 this year. Mary said Fay Melendy is the new treasurer for the Friends and Susan Lee is a new executive board member.

OLD BUSINESS:

Outside Lighting: Mary said she has not heard from Gus about the lighting, but some board members thought that the light seemed pretty bright and it might already have been fixed.

Pathway from Library to School: There was a discussion about an e-mail which board members and others received from Mr. Bob King concerning a potential controversy over the new path. Peter mentioned that on May 1 at 5:30 PM there is going to be a special selectmen's hearing and the path will be the first item on the agenda. Board members suggested having someone from the board at the hearing to present a letter from the trustees to the selectmen. Mary Russell said she will write the letter for their signatures. Peter Stevens and Mary Russell said they will be at the hearing. Peter said he can redo the map to hand out. Tom Reinfuss said he will call Bob King. Board members learned that Billy Chick has said the path will be done by middle of May and that the Fire Department has gotten word to clean up their area in the back. Peter suggested that someone should contact the school for a letter of support. Peter said he has been working on signage for the path and he showed an example to the board. He thought there should be perhaps four signs altogether with a couple of extra. Peter said he likes idea of going to the Department of Corrections for the signage, but this would mean going back and forth to Concord with colors, proofs, etc. so he would prefer someone local. Mary added that she needs a Chick Room sign as well. Peter said he thought the easiest way is to silk screen the signs. Mary suggested vinyl. It was suggested that funds for the signage could come from the Beverly Klitsch Memorial Fund, but that nothing should be done till after the hearing on May 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

Outdoor stairs and other exterior repairs: Mary said we had figured on \$1,000 for repairing the outdoor stairs, and the carpet needs cleaning and the top shelves dusted. She said she will have an estimate for the next meeting. Sandra Carr suggested consulting with Joe Ventre on this as well. Peter said the cleaning situation was brought up at the selectmen's meeting and the selectmen were surprised but understood that it was a hardship to not have the cleaning done. They will watch Willy's schedule and make sure he has time to complete the cleaning of the library.

Outdoor seating and/or canopy by front garden: Mary said the shrubbery will be cut back to make more room. She was wondering if she should put out chairs. Peter said we were going to get a couple of chairs and add umbrellas incrementally. Mary thought two chairs would be enough to begin with and the board agreed.

ADJOURNMENT: Peter Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting and Mary Anne Sosnoff seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose, Recording Secretary

Draft Minutes e-mailed to the Trustees, Town Clerk, and Library Director on April 21, 2012

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