

Goodnow Library
Board of Trustees

Minutes

Tuesday, November 6, 2012 @ 7:30PM
Goodnow Library, Conference Room

Present: Jill Browne, Phyllis Cullinane, Esmé Green (sec.), Lily Gordon , Carol Hull, Robert Iuliano (ch., Barbara Pryor

Call to order and approval of minutes: Bob called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the October meeting. (Browne/Iuliano). So voted.

Director's report:

Financial: operations spending is appropriate for this time of year. The Young Adult e-books and audio lines were noted as not having any encumbrances—we will keep an eye on them and send a reminder the YA librarian.

State Financial Report: Esmé reported that due to the zero increase budget for FY13, the MA Board of Library Commissioners was requiring a waiver be submitted by November 9, 2012. In subsequent conversations with the town treasurer, it was determined that the town could transfer the required 2.5% increase to the library's budget. It was determined that there was enough funds to do so after having settled contracts with the collective bargaining units in town. As a result, Board of Library Commissioners agreed to accept a revised Financial Report in lieu of the official waiver process. The consequence of not meeting the state financial requirements is the loss of State Aid money, which would be very serious for the library.

Military Album podium/Eagle Scout project: Esmé presented a proposal from Assistant Town Manager Maryanne Bilodeau, on behalf of Robin Gunderson of HOPEsudbury, that an Eagle Scout build a podium to hold the Military Album to be housed at the Library [see attached email]. After discussing it, the trustees declined. A letter will be sent to Maryanne informing her of the Board's decision.

Sesquicentennial planning: a meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, whereby anyone from the community is invited to attend and share their ideas for the celebration. There will also be a 150th planning component for staff to be held at the upcoming staff development day, November 30.

Personnel updates: tabled.

Building: tabled.

Trustees' Report:

Foundation report: Jill reported that the gala netted approximately \$45,000. The group is busy wrapping up the details of the event, and Jill has meetings coming up with two people she hopes to recruit to the board.

Garden Club: Barbara asked the board to vote to support the request from the Garden Club to the Sudbury Public Works Department, asking them to remove the degraded soil in the planting beds in front of the library (Iuliano/Hull). So voted.

New Business: none

Old business: none

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm. (Gordon/Pryor)

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 7:30 pm.