

Goodnow Library Trustee Meeting
Minutes
May 4, 2015

Attendance: Sarah Sogigian (secretary/Vice Chair), Barbara Pryor, Robert Iuliano, Carol Hull, Lily Gordon, Esmé Green,

Absent: Nancy Hershfield (Chair)
Guest: Marie Royea

Call to Order: 6:15pm

Vote on April 2015 meeting minutes: Bob moved to accept the minutes, Barbara 2nd.

Director's Report:

Annual Town Meeting: review of Trustees statement

- As in previous years, the board agreed that it did not want to encourage motions or amendments to transfer money from another department to the library, as they support the budgetary process in place to allocate funds fairly between competing cost centers. Esmé reminded the board that the FY16 budget proposal for the library includes an increase to the "Other" line that would support part-time backfill and a fourth staff person for the evening shift, as well as a full-time Young Adult Librarian.

Review of Open Meeting Law training

- Esmé and Barbara both attended the OML training for all elected town officials presented by town counsel Barbara St. Andre. While there is still some gray area in the law, several clarifications were helpful.

Plaque for the Community Gathering Space

- All parties are eager to select a mutually acceptable space for the plaque commemorating the Friends donation to the newly renovated space on the first floor, known as the Community Gathering Space and/or the New Book Area. After a tour of the space, the Trustees recommended two spots: the wall space over the coffee cart, next to the New Fiction, or on the cutout just to the left of that. Esmé will send a message to the Friends.

Trustee Report:

Foundation

- Barbara reported on the fundraising strategy meeting held on May 1. In order to raise \$2M for endowment, the capital campaign committee needs to find and secure major donors.
- The foundation is planning a small house party in June to seek potential new, major donors.

- As a follow up to winning the SHRAB grant, Barbara listed the potential membership of the historical subcommittee members: Rosemary Harvell, Jim Hill, Phyllis Cullinane, Jan Hardenbergh, David Pettit and Barbara Pryor.

Old business:

- Bob updated the group on the status of the Trustees' query to the town manager as to the authority of elected boards in relation to the town manager. (The Trustees had previously voted to engage the Board of Selectmen, through Len Simon (the Library liaison), and had reviewed the content of a proposed letter.) Sarah expects to send a letter sometime after town meeting when she assumes the position of chair of the Trustees and will report on her progress in a future meeting.

Motion to adjourn made at 6:45 by Bob, seconded by Barbara.

Respectfully Submitted,
Esmé Green
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