

Goodnow Library
Board of Trustees
Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007
Goodnow Library, Small Conference Room
7:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order and Minutes.** Approval of the December minutes.
- 2. Financial Report (Dec. FY 07):** nothing unusual to report.
- 3. Friends Report:** no meeting in December.
- 4. Director's Report:**
 - a) Annual Report:** need trustee comments on draft of report. Report due Friday, Jan. 5th.
 - b) School Cooperation:** contacted the administration of Town school system to alert them to Goodnow's policy regarding private tutors using the library for tutoring. Sudbury teachers make up a portion of private tutors used by students. Having this information should remove any confusion over Goodnow's policy.
 - c) Medway:** the MBLC will have a hearing with libraries seeking waivers for meeting state requirements for certification and state aid. The Medway library's budget for FY07 was reduced dramatically, as it was in FY06; it was the only town department to be treated in this manner. Medway will not meet several key standards for insuring that a library is able to meet its community's basic library needs. I suspect that it will not be granted a waiver. Public libraries are not obligated to provide reciprocal services to decertified libraries. I recommend that we take this position with the Medway library. It is unfair for other public libraries to assume the responsibility of providing library resources and services to residents of a town that has decided to single out its public library for drastic budget cuts that undermine its ability to meet fundamental library needs. In the past, neighboring libraries would be vulnerable in this situation. The ability to place network requests on items owned by any MLN members makes all MLN members vulnerable to unfair demands for resources that Medway is unable to provide, for example, best sellers and DVD's and CD's.
 - d) Close Early for Staff Meeting:** depending on the staff's response, I'd like to have the option of closing one hour early on Thursday, January 25 for a staff meeting.
- 5. Trustees Report:**
 - a) Strategic Plan:** The Committee has started work on a timeline for the goals. It should be completed in January. Two objectives to be discussed at trustees meeting:
Goal #1 (Building/Facilities), Objective 1: Trustees appoint a landscape committee....
Goal #6 (Funding), Objective 2: Current Goodnow Foundation officers will evaluate the Foundation and alternative entities for soliciting, managing and allocating private donations for the benefit of the Goodnow Library. Information received from the Wellesley Free Library could help us to get this goal underway soon.
 - b) Trustees by-laws:** update on review of the by-laws.
- 6. New Business:**
 - a) FY08 State Aid:** appears that FY08 state aid cuts to MLN will be restored.
 - b) March Elections:** two trustee positions.
- 7. Adjournment:**