

Greenfield Public Library Board of Trustees
April 11, 2017

Present: Bill Benson, Doris Cowdrey, Becky George, Janine Greaves, Joseph Ruggeri, Karen Larabee (Friends), Ellen Boyer (Director), Lisa Prolman (Ass't Director)

Guests: None

Public: None

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm.

Changes/additions to the agenda -- none

Approval of minutes from previous meeting

- Becky moved to accept, Bill seconded; passed

Friends Report

- Annual appeal is at \$1,400 (last year's; this year's is at the printer)
- Bohonowicz fund \$13,000 -- raised \$1,180 at the Red Sox Raffle
- will meet with the family at the end of the month to discuss spending
- Friends looking into A Thousand Books before Kindergarten
- Peter Bergeron event was a big success; about 60 people
- Next book sale is May 6
- Susan Platt (former board member) passed away recently; husband is donating her book collection for sale
- Lorraine Johnson (former board member) memorial service on May 6
- Poetry contest April 27, 7pm, at Stoneleigh
- April 15 at 3pm book launch for 25th anniversary of poetry contest winners; books are \$15
- Spelling Bee on June 9; 2nd Annual
- Valley Gives on May 2

New Business

- Open Trustee position
- Discussion of current make-up of board
- Suggestions of potential new members

Old Business and Committee Reports

- Building Committee
 - John Passiglia (Town Historical Commission) contacted Mass Historical about Fire Station; they said library and FD are one parcel so it can't come down
 - Lane checked document and FD isn't mentioned.

- There will be a meeting with Lane, Mayor, Ellen, Doris, John, Jean Wall about building.
- Foundation
 - Meeting next Thursday at GSB
 - FDA will be there to make their pitch for working for Foundation
 - Bank account has been opened; checks can be made to Greenfield Public Library Foundation
 - Ellen will contact town about moving the legacy money into the account
- Policy Committee
 - Meeting Room Policy -- tabled; policy needs to be completely rewritten.
 - Suggestion to put policies on a rotation for examining/rewriting

Director's Report

- Unisex bathroom discussion; law is building with this potential occupancy must have one gender specific bathroom for each gender. All others after that are unisex
- Issues with theft -- newspapers, DVDs -- are necessitating some changes in the layout of items upstairs
- Mary Kostanski has retired. She will be missed.
- Let Ellen know if you want to go to a Universal Design workshop in Northampton

Public Comment -- None

Motion to adjourn made by Bill, seconded by Joe; Passed.

Meeting ended at 6:30pm