

Greenfield Public Library Board of Trustees
July 18, 2017

Present: Bill Benson, Ed Berlin, Doris Cowdrey, Becky George, Janine Greaves
Charlene Golonka (Friends), Lisa Prolman (Ass't Director)

Guests: Deb Klein

Public: None

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm

Changes/additions to the agenda

- Note: Things Bill will do (under New Business)

Public Comment – none

Approval of minutes from previous meeting

- Becky moved to accept, Ed seconded; passed with one correction

Friends Report

- Gave \$21,400 to library operating budget this year; lower than in past years when budget cuts were an issue
- Fund SRPs, Book Experience, STEAM, Movie licenses, adult programming, etc.
- Additional monies/items from the Bohonowicz fund; ongoing spending of \$14,000 designated to Children's programming
- Friends' Annual Meeting Wednesday July 26 at 4pm

New Business

- MBLC Construction grant award –
 - Discussion of total amount given (about \$9.4 million dollars; 48%) and when monies would actually be released
 - For us to move up on the list, a couple of first round libraries would have to opt out
 - Initial disbursements to first round libraries will go out this year
 - Our monies will be released most likely in 2019 or 2020
 - Discussion of Town Council outreach
 - Doris sent the MBLC announcement to council mailbox
 - Should trustees be reaching out to their councilors now? Discussion of pros and cons; possibly email/talk to them about the process in preparation
 - Suggestion to explain what a waiting list means in this context

- Start with current councilors; approach new councilors when elected in November
- Discussion of town councilor Facebook post about tax increases/non-binding questions for ballot at next election
- Bill talking to Paul Mark and Stan Rosenberg
 - will ask when the second round of monies may be released
 - thank them for efforts on our behalf and let them know how beneficial our place on the wait list is
- Will send MBLC a thank you note from the Board
- Public education - When do we start? Now?
- Clarify what waiting list means and refer to Mayor's plan for the town's finances as a whole
- Discussion of possible finances -- debt, bonds, fundraising possibilities, etc.
- Suggestion to contact Aviva for additional article

Old Business and Committee Reports

- Composition of Board of Trustees
 - Discussion of process for approving new trustee
- Building Committee
 - Will meet Friday at 3:30
 - Will discuss next steps
- Foundation
 - IRS has received non-profit application and will get back within 90 days
 - \$105,000 in bank already
 - Discussion of dividing monies (as we get more) between other local banks to garner more support from the banking community
- Policy Committee -- Meeting Room Policy
 - Tabled

Director's Report

- Staffing now complete
- Marjorie Curtis has been Head of Borrower Services for 3 months
- Francesca Passiglia has moved into Assistant Head of Borrower Services
- Pamela McBride has started as a Library Assistant in Holds and at the circulation desk

Motion to adjourn made by Becky, seconded by Bill; Passed

Meeting ended at 6pm