

Board of Trustees, 5/21/19

Present: Bill Benson, Ed Berlin, Doris Cowdrey, Becky George, Joe Ruggeri, Karen Larabee (Friends co-president), Ellen Boyer (Director)

Guests: None

Public: None

Meeting called to order at 5:03 pm.

Changes/additions to the agenda: None

Public comment: None

Approval of minutes from previous meeting

- Motion to accept minutes made by Joe, seconded by Becky, passed unanimously

Friends report

- May 11 book sale made \$1,400 – next sale June 22
- Poet Seat Poetry Contest held April 30, at Stoneleigh Burnham
 - Phenomenal event – Recorder coverage great
- Spelling Bee scheduled for June 6 at Pushkin Gallery
- Annual Appeal letters mailed – email solicitations will follow shortly
- Little Free Library Project being handled by Donna Rivers and Steve Roberto
- Snow and Sons started yard cleanup and mulching
 - Ed Snow strongly recommends removal of shrubs out front --- will revisit that idea in Spring 2020

New business

- Trustee vacancies – motion made by Ed to recommend Samantha Wood to fill 3-year vacancy, seconded by Bill, passed unanimously
- Pride Parade June 15 starting at noon from Middle School to Energy Park

Old business and Committee reports

- Building Committee – meetings on hold until after November vote
- Communications Committee
 - Rules have changed now that library will be a ballot question – library is now a political question
 - Political campaign committee being established – will set timeline, plan events
- Foundation
 - Preparing communication with donors about what has happened and how Foundation plans to move forward

- Joe April, Capital Campaign consultant hired by Foundation, stepping back from Campaign work until after November vote, but has offered advice pro bono leading up to vote
- Waiting for instructions from City's Finance Director about returning advocacy money to Trustees

Director's report

- Discussed Drag Queen Story Hour
- Discussed complaint from Gary Greene about library meeting room usage by the public
- Discussed shortfall in library salaries which resulted from union contract settlements --- motion made by Ed to take up to \$7,200 from trust funds to cover shortfall, seconded by Bill, passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm