

Board of Trustees, January 10, 2017

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

Public: None

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

- Changes/additions to the agenda
 - Taylor's Fundraiser
- Public Comment -- None
- Approval of minutes from previous meeting. Tabled until next month.
- Friends Report
 - Insurance is in process
 - Annual Appeal has brought in more this year than past few, so folks are happy
 - Bohonowicz fund up to \$8,000; 1st purchase will be rocking chairs for Children's Room
 - Will be doing a big February event to replace Fall Event;
 - silent auction with baskets in the Greenfield Room that will be staffed by the Friends February 2-11
 - Big ending day will be February 11 with a book sale
 - Friends have been talking about getting out into the community to bring the wider community into the library in anticipation of building project.
- New Business
 - FDA Contract
 - Comments
 - Fee seems like it might be high (about 10% of what we are looking to raise), but it is in line with what is being charged by other fundraisers
 - In the current contract we are being billed as things happen; estimates have been higher than actuals
 - Put back on agenda for February for more discussion; next Foundation meeting is Feb. 9
 - Ask FDA to come to the March meeting to answer questions
 - Questions
 - Are we committing to a capital campaign if town council doesn't approve grant?
 - Can we make contract contingent upon approval?
 - When would this actually start?
 - Once we sign what are we actually committing to?
 - Is there a termination clause?
 - Taylor's Fundraiser
 - Taylor's Tavern invites bartenders from all over the Northeast for a 'slide-a-beer-down-the-counter' contest
 - The recipient of funds this year will be the Friends.
 - \$20/person on a team
 - February 19, 2017
 - Discussion of weeding/collection philosophy at GPL
 - Motion to proceed with submission of grant application for funding toward a new library from the MBLC -- John moved, Joe seconded; passed unanimously.
 - Suggestion to ask Joannah if she would turn her letter into a 'My Turn' column for the paper.
 - Discussion about what steps to take for attending Committee Chairs' meeting in preparation for February town council meeting
- Old Business and Committee Reports
 - Building Committee -- none
 - Foundation
 - is incorporated as of today
 - next step is 501(c)3
 - Makes sense to have one even if grant fails this round

- Next meeting is February 9; 12:00 at GSB
 - Adopt-a-Councilor Project -- none
 - Policy Committee -- Meeting Room Policy -- tabled until next month
- Director's Report

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