

Ashby Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 27, 2011

Meeting convened 7:10 p.m.

Present: John Mickola, Prudy Brennan, Mary O’Friel, Michelle Thomas, Doug Leab, Anne Manney, Martha Morgan, Library Director Mary Murtland.

MOTION to accept minutes from December 16th meeting after minor amendments. Seconded, U.A.¹

Treasurer’s Report: Scholarship meeting was postponed due to snow. Proof of enrollment (transcripts) still coming in. Mary M. believes a cut-off for when the transcripts are required would be helpful; perhaps the end of January.

A generous donation to the library was made in the honor of John Mossman, Jr. by his sister Deborah Woodsome (their father was a Trustee). A special “Mossman Book Account” will be set up.

Ashby artist JoAnne Boudreau will be holding a workshop with funds donated by a friend.

Director’s Report: Circulation is back up. Good turnout for the Solstice concert (39). Mary would like to go to three times a year for the laptop program, instead of the current two times a year, so there is more overlap with students. When the computers run out in a couple of years, the library may have to go with a Page stipend to cover the duties now performed by the volunteers from the laptop program.

Volunteer Sam Reggio is evaluating the C.D. collection; Mary M. is considering offering patrons the possibility of donating music C.D.s instead of paying fines.

Website: Rick Levine says the grant that supported the website is over; the state does not want to host it anymore. Website needs a host. Patrons would like to see the site updated more often and to have it easier to negotiate.

MOTION to accept Director’s Report as written. Seconded, U.A.

Low Temperature Alarm:

Fire Chief’s budget covers the alarm system, including security alarm (currently \$300/year)- does not have to be in the library budget.

Need a low temperature alarm system so someone is notified when the heat goes off, so the pipes do not freeze. Need to determine which type of system is most cost effective.

¹ U.A.: Unanimous Approval.

MOTION: to pursue determining if a low temperature alarm sensor or town hall method low temperature alarm system is most cost effective. Seconded, U.A.

MOTION: to pursue an estimate of cost for insulation in the older part of the library building. Seconded, U.A.

John will also look into a plumber who can install an electrode node in the water system.

Elevator Inspection:

Elevator was inspected; mechanic we have a contract with was very rude. Doug L. will look into other companies that do inspections (State uses Baystate). Phone was not hooked up inside the elevator.

Fire Chief was present at the elevator inspection.

MOTION: to propose a raise in Library Director Mary M's salary to \$15/hour. Seconded, U.A.

Mary O. or Doug L. will give budget numbers to John to give to the Finance Committee.

8:16 p.m. Adjourn

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martha S. Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Martha Morgan, Secretary