

Minutes
Brooks Free Library Board of Trustees

Wednesday March 9, 2016
Thornton Room, Brooks Free Library
739 Main Street, Harwich, MA 02645

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Warde at 7:05 P.M. Present were: Mary Warde, JoAnne Brown, Ann Emerson, William Crowell, Kathleen Remillard. Also present, Library Director, Virginia Hewitt.

Exeutive Session: William Crowell made a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, § 21 (a) (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the Chair so declares. Mary Warde seconded. Roll call: Mary Ward yea, JoAnne Brown yea, Ann Emerson yea, William Crowell yea, Kathleen Remillard yea. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The regular meeting of the Trustees of the Brooks Free Library reconvened at 7:36 P.M.

Approval of Minutes: JoAnne Brown made a motion to accept the December 9, 2015 Executive Session Minutes. Mary Warde seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote. JoAnne Brown made a motion to accept the February 10, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Ann Emerson seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: None

Reports:

Chairman: Mary Warde reported that the Charter change is waiting for final approval. It should be on the Governor's desk in a few weeks.

Library Director: See Report.

- Ginny reported that Assistive Technology Coordinator Carla Burke received the 2016 Bay State Council of the Blind Award for Outstanding Service. Congratulations Carla.
- Ginny passed around a handout from MBLC outlining the proposed cuts to State Aid to Public Libraries and the effect the reduction will have on patron services.
- Ginny is working on the Request for Qualifications for Architectural Services for the work to be done on the library exterior.

Building and Grounds Committee:

- JoAnne Brown reported eight of the stools for the Children's room have been reupholstered.
- JoAnne received a written quote for the Children's Room furniture from W.B. Mason.

Old Business:

- Ginny reported that The CPC voted to re-consider the Trustee's request for the library exterior preservation and restoration project and then voted to approve the \$540,000 in new funds. Combined with the \$38,656 remaining in previously approved CPC funds, the architects estimate this should be sufficient to complete the exterior work.
- William Crowell made a motion to withdraw the Trustees' Article for the May 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant based on the February 11, 2016 CPC vote to approve \$540,000 in new funds for the library exterior preservation and restoration project. Ann Emerson seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Next Trustee meeting-Wed. April 13, 2016 @ 7:00pm (Brooks Free Library)
- Annual and Special Town Meeting-May 2 and 3, 2016
- MA Library Association Conference-May 16-18, 2016 (Hyannis)

Adjournment: JoAnne Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. William Crowell seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Remillard, Secretary
Trustee Brooks Free Library