

Greenfield Public Library Board of Trustees, 04/11/2023, 5 pm

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Call to Order: Ed Belin called the meeting to order at 5:05pm

Chairperson's statement: *This meeting is not being recorded by the Library Board of Trustees. If any other persons present are recording this meeting, they must notify the chairperson at this time.*

Roll Call: Sarah Ahearn Bellemare, Bill Benson, Ed Berlin, Jonathan Cohen-Gorczyca, Sam Wood

Other: Ellen Boyer (Director), Mitch Anthony, Ann Dillon, Paul Jablon

Public: none

Changes/Additions to the Agenda –

- Ed Berlin asked to add discussion of donor wall artwork to Foundation report
- Ellen Boyer suggested adding an update on the Library Director search

Public Comment – none

Approval of minutes from March meeting

MOTION: On a motion by Bill Benson seconded by Sarah Ahearn Bellemare, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the March meeting minutes

New Business

- **Presentation by Mitch Anthony: Telling the Greenfield Public Library Story**
 - o Sam Wood suggested a facilitated half-day retreat for Trustees, Friends, and Foundation members as a possible next step
- **Open Trustee position**

MOTION: On a motion by Jonathan Cohen-Gorczyca, seconded by Sarah Ahearn Bellemare, it was unanimously

VOTED: To recommend Ann Dillon to the Mayor as the library's next Trustee

Friends Report

- 5 new people will be joining the Friends Board
- Poet's Seat Poetry Contest reading, celebration, and awards ceremony will be held on May 16 at Stoneleigh Burnham School

Old Business and Committee Reports

- **Building Committee**
 - o Landscape planting should be complete by end of week
 - o Most of the furniture will be delivered during the last week of April
 - o Paving of the parking lot is scheduled for April 27, 28, and May 1
 - o Construction is on track
 - o We are still waiting for news about network switches

- **Foundation**

- Discussion of accepting artwork on donor wall
 - Search for artists was done by Foundation, selection of artwork was done by Foundation, contract is between artist and Foundation, installation will be supervised by Foundation
 - Trustees are, by charter, responsible for the library building
 - Artwork should be officially donated to Trustees
 - MOTION:** On a motion by Bill Benson, seconded by Jonathan Cohen-Gorczyca it was unanimously
 - VOTED:** To accept the donation of the donor wall artwork from the Foundation
- Discussion of financial donation to Foundation
 - In Doris Cowdrey's absence, Ed Berlin spoke about Doris' desire to donate \$10,000 from trust funds to the Foundation to support the work the Foundation has done and continues to do
 - Jonathan Cohen-Gorczyca said the provisions of the trust should be checked to make sure there are no restrictions on use of funds
 - MOTION:** On a motion by Jonathan Cohen-Gorczyca, seconded by Sam Wood, it was unanimously
 - VOTED:** To donate \$10,000 from one of the library's unrestricted trust funds to the Foundation in support of their work

Update on Search for New Director

Jonathan Cohen-Gorczyca reported that the Search Committee is doing the 2nd round of interviews and hopes to have a recommendation to forward to the Mayor by the end of next week.

Adjournment

MOTION: On a motion by Jonathan Cohen-Gorczyca, seconded by Bill Benson, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm