

Board of Trustees, 9/11/18

Present: Bill Benson, Ed Berlin, Doris Cowdrey, Becky George, Janine Greaves, Deb Klein, Joe Ruggeri, Paul Jablon, Ellen Boyer (Director), Lisa Prolman (Ass't Director)

Guests: None

Public: None

Meeting called to order at 5:15pm.

- Changes/additions to the agenda
 - Library website banner question
- Public comment -- none
- Approval of minutes from previous meetings
 - request to clarify comment about parking spaces; removed last few words to make it more clear
 - Janine moved, Ed seconded; passed with one abstention
- Friends report
 - Not as many Greenfield resident signatures as wanted at this point for the ad in the paper; would like to stop collecting signatures next week so as to move on to next phase of project; there is also a link on the Friends FB page and the advocacy webpage <https://greenfield.voteyesforourlibrary.org/>; discussion of Franklin County residents
 - Book sale next week
 - Fall Raffle going on
 - Marching in the parade was very successful and got many positive comments on posters at the Fair; lots of conversations at the Fair booth about the building project; balloons went over well.
 - Will be at Deerfield Craft Fair, Fosters, and GSB to sell raffle tickets
- New business
 - Keep Building Grant banner on home page
 - Resolution to thank Jean Wall for the effort, dedication, and passion she has shown; passed by all
- Old business and committee reports

- Building committee
 - Ed is now the chair of the Building committee
 - Push is to get out the RFS for the OPM; opening up to see who is out there and what options we have; Lane is back working for the the town and helped get this out; currently we have 11 applicants; next meeting is 9/13; hoping to go through the applications then.
 - Jean Wall resigned from committee; resolution to thank her in building committee minutes that will be voted on 9/13.
 - Need a replacement for Jean and possibly one other person; suggestion about putting a council person on the committee. Still under discussion.
 - Suggestion to find someone with building experience; additional suggestion about approaching town council; discussion as to whether or not this is a good idea and if yes, how to go about it; Trustees make suggestions then mayor approves.
 - Discussion of potential new members
 - 9/13 meeting will be held at the John Zon Community Center as both library meeting rooms are booked
 - Resolution: The Trustees thank Jean Wall for her tireless efforts on behalf of the GPL
- Communications committee
 - Should now be called Advocacy Committee, and is being chaired by Ed
 - Working with Paul and Rachel has been great; work with Libby is moving smoothly
 - Current projects have been Letters to the Editor, petitions, and the Fair
 - Setting up individual meetings with councilors is in process; council vote is second week in November
 - Discussion of lawn signs
 - good idea?
 - would it compete with the general election?
 - has tradition behind it
 - Would like to have lawn signs; not sure when, but think they would be a good idea.
- Foundation

- Cathy Cole is interim president; John Howland has agreed to become president once we have town council approval
- considering bylaw review
 - discussion of a firewall between the trustees and the foundation so foundation board decides who sits on their board
 - looking at more separation between the boards; foundation will still share information with trustees like the friends do
 - based on legal information and information from the state ethics board, trustees are allowed to be on foundation board
- Fundraising -- other than those already collected from Friends and Family -- has halted until council vote; would be good for advocacy group to have a dollar figure
 - MBLC Grant -- none
- Director's report
 - Motion to approve Nancy Baker painting the floor on the back hallway, with Ellen and Lisa approving the sketch; Bill moved, Joe seconded; passed
 - Bill will reach out to Jo Comerford about the new library.
 - No leaks in ceiling from yesterday's storm; we have the money to replace the insulation that is getting moldy.
 - Report was incorrect; we actually need a whole new roof, not just a new membrane; must happen before next winter

Motion to adjourn made by Joe, seconded by Janine; Passed.

Meeting ended at 6:21pm.