

Greenfield Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 5:00 pm

Conference Room, Greenfield Public Library, 412 Main Street, Greenfield, MA

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

Call to order: Meeting called to order by Chair Cowdry

Roll call of Members: Doris Cowdry, Jonathan Cohen Gorczyca, Bill Benson, Ann Dillon, Jim Zaccarra, Sam Wood (electronically), all present. Sarah Ahearn Bellemare, absent.

Also Present: Anna Bognolo, Director, Lisa Prolman, Assistant Director, Paul Jablon, Friends representative, Erin Anhalt, Mayor's chief of staff.

Public comment: Two individuals, Faith Kaufman and Jacob Spruyt, gave comments related to a proposed showing of a video and discussion regarding the Oct. 7th attack on Israel by Hamas. Before they spoke, Doris informed them that the event was cancelled and read a statement regarding the library's meeting room policy which aligns itself with the American Library Association's Bill of Rights with regards to free speech.

Approval of minutes: from September 10, 2024, meeting. Motion was made by Ann and seconded by Jonathan to approve. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Friends report:

- Friend's Newsletter - Change in format similar to calendar approach the library uses, making it easier to find events and streamlining the newsletter
- Fundraising activities - *Book sale* is scheduled for 11/2 with book donations later this month. *Restaurant Raffle*, the Friend's major fundraiser, is ongoing and doing quite well. Paul urged all Trustee's to sell tickets. The drawing will be held 12/7. *Pints for Programs* will resume in the spring.

New Business

- Library Building Committee Meeting - Anna gave an update following 9/26/24 Library Building Committee meeting. The committee voted not to pay the final bill to DA Sullivan due to a number of smaller projects still not completed. Seems to be a lack of response from Sullivan and the Project manager.

- Building project updates & repairs - Wayfinding proposal being reviewed by City Procurement officer.
- Building use policy/safety measures - Proposal to create a separate policy for building rules that are currently noted in our behavior policy. Anna noted the need for a city-wide policy for its building.
- State Financial Report for Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) - Annual financial report from public libraries receiving state and federal funds was completed. Library approved for FY 24.
- Art Exhibits - New exhibition: Images of Franklin County by members of Springfield Photographic Society

Old business and committee reports

- Library landscaping - Bill Benson gave update on garden maintenance. Some progress has been made but not completed. Jim said our gardener ran out of mulch.so he solicited another donation from the Greenfield Farmers' Cooperative.
- Vote on proposed Makerspace policy - rules for using the makerspace was tabled for a future vote.
- Vote on amendments to library policies - Children's and Teen Room changes were tabled for a future vote.
- Consequences for inappropriate behavior at the library - Acceptable use computers & internet
- update link to helpful resources for parents and young people about internet

Use - Hotspot lending

- hotspot lending to patrons with have confirmed residential address - Behavior Guidelines
- unattended items

Director's report:

- Greenfield Public Library Statistics FY2025
- Narrative

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 5 - 6pm

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Adjournment: motion was made by Ann and seconded by Jim to adjourn; Motion passed unanimously.

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