

Board of Trustees, 10/9/18

Present: Bill Benson, Ed Berlin, Doris Cowdrey, Janine Greaves, Deb Klein, Karen Larabee, Ellen Boyer (Director), Lisa Prolman (Ass't Director)

Guests: None

Public: Vincent Gillespie

Meeting called to order at 5:15pm.

- Changes/additions to the agenda
 - None
- Public comment
 - Vincent Gillespie wanted to talk about Christopher Bollen and his research on 9/11; was asked to make comment but not to engage in dialogue; requested trustees to reconsider if Bollen returns to the area
- Approval of minutes from previous meetings
 - Janine moved, Deb seconded; approved as amended
- Friends report
 - Fall raffle is still going on; at GSB last Friday; regardless of number of tickets sold, the presence is what is important; Foster's on 10/19; \$1,900 so far; still have petitions available for signing at raffle events; drawing on 10/27; cider and doughnuts upstairs and book sale downstairs; will be in front of fireplace and will need to get into the library before we open to set up
 - 10/13 will start Second Saturdays with Sally Ahearn as part of the 1000 Books before Kindergarten; about 125 people registered for program
 - February will do Love Your Library event with several story times
 - Have an abundance of bookmarks from the Foundation
 - Are discussing how to handle the purchase of more green t-shirts; Rachel at the Foundation is working on developing a link that will allow people to order the shirts online
- New business
 - Meeting Room Policy

- patron requested use of meeting room for a Tupperware/Pampered Chef type party
 - checked with Hope at Senior Center to see if it would allowed there; initially said no, but said yes as craft fairs are allowed
 - decision that not an appropriate use of the room
 - Jo Comerford is scheduled to be in Greenfield on 11/5 around 12:30-1 for a library tour; will ask Johanna Whitney to join for the tour
- Old business and committee reports
 - Building committee
 - RFS for OPM has gone out; 6 responses; 3 will be interviewed; 1 on Wednesday, 2 on Thursday
 - All have Greenfield experience
 - Hope is that selection will be made and town will enter into a contract very soon
 - Advocacy committee
 - Ed got an email and phone call indicating one of the uncommitted councilors may have decided to support the library project
 - Hope is to go in front of council at November 14 meeting
 - Next advocacy meeting will work on plans for actions before council vote
 - A conversation was had with Lane to discuss financing; her belief is that things could proceed with numbers that are in the debt ceiling going forward relating to debt falling off and new debt being taken on
 - Mayor is in support of new library
 - 767 Greenfield signatures on petition; Ed needs help to get it to 1000
 - Will be getting Lawn signs; 250 have been purchased by Foundation; will say 'A new library... Yes!'; will be her by October 15; would like to get 20 identified sites for lawn signs by 10/18
 - Ellen will check with Cathy Scott to see what process is for getting on Council agenda
 - Foundation
 - Today's meeting was cancelled as still working on changes to the bylaws

- Friends will check with them about reimbursement for helium for balloons
- Director's report
 - Building continues to have maintenance issues
 - had to hire an outside HVAC firm to deal with system
 - humidity has been causing a problem with doors swelling

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

Meeting ended at 6:06pm.