

FBoard of Trustees Meeting October

Committee: Greenfield Public Library Board of Trustees

Place: Greenfield Public Library

Date: October 10, 2023

Posted Meeting Time: 5:00 pm

Call to Order: Doris Cowdrey called meeting to order 5:01

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: Doris Cowdrey, Bill Benson roll call. Members present – Sarah Ahearn Bellmare, Bill Benson, Ann Dillon, and Sam Wood (on phone). Jonathan not present.

- **Other:** Anna Bognolo (Director), Lisa Prolman (Ass't Director), Paul Jablon (Friends),

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

A couple of edits – names misspelled. Sarah fixed and will send off to Anna. Lisa will post on the website.

Motion by – _____ Approved by _____

Friends Report from Paul –

New member. Poetry Contest report – committee working hard to put it together early A group of the Friends are hoping to have another small book sale. Pints for Programs – did 3 last year and that's what they are working on currently. Plan is to do 7 this year starting in November. In negotiations with various breweries. Looking for ideas for activities for the breweries. After the last Friends newsletter – more sales of restaurant raffle. Anna suggests looking into Hangar for a trivia night as it's very popular.

New Business -

DC - Board update -

Jim Zaccara will be the new Trustee. Represents the business community and the homeschooling community.

Ann Dillon agreed to be the Trustee representative to the Friend's

We need to nominate a new Vice Chair (was Ed Berlin) and need to vote to reappoint Doris as Chair.

Bill and Sarah (and possibly Jonathan) will be the nominating committee

Anna will send us updated Board of Trustees Bylaws from MBLC so we can all have digital copies.

Karen Larabee has asked if a member of the Trustees will attend Friends meetings. Last Wednesday of the month at 5.

Anna - signage is needed at the library. Had a complaint from an important patron who is in a wheelchair and felt that she couldn't see what was in the stacks because nothing was labeled. Anna shared lots of images of signage that we need for the library.

Patrons are asking what plants are out in front. We need to form a volunteer group to help with gardens. Look into what the plant contract was originally.

Anna - Winter's Farmers Market dates - 11/18, 12/09, 12/23, 1/20, 2/17, 3/16. Hours are 10-1

Amendment to the meeting room policy - discussion of how to book groups.

Amendment is as follows -

Because of the high demand for meeting rooms, no meeting room may be booked more than once per month (per group).

Bill motioned to approve, Ann second. All in favor. Amendment approved.

Director's Report -

FY24 Financial Report – good news is that we do not need a waiver.

10,032 patrons in September.

Learn to knit program with Shannon was a success as well as popular baby storytime today with Ellen.

Lots of excitement about the Maker's Space.

Tween space / Dan Cleary has been so helpful in rearranging furniture and improving spaces.

Motion to adjourn Ann Dillion, seconded by Sam. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36