

# Board of Trustees, July 11, 2018

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

**Guests:**

**Public:**

*Meeting called to order at 5:25:pm.*

- Changes/additions to the agenda -- none
- Public comment -- none
- Approval of minutes from previous meeting
  - tabled until next month
- Friends report
  - introduction of Paul Jablon as co-chair of Friends
  - Spelling Bee -- 50-75 people there; successful event
  - Next Book Sale is August 4; last book sale made \$1,700
  - Newsletter has 460 people receiving newsletter and other emails
  - Landscaping committee met and will be handing maintenance of outside over to trustees next year
    - Ed Snow came and looked at the shrubberies next to the library; recommends taking them out both for safety and visuals; estimate for maintenance is the same as removal; he also suggested taking out the shrubs in the front yard; will continue to be discussed
  - Met with Jean Wall about celebrating GPL getting the grant; July 21, Friends will do a celebration at the library with balloons, cider, cookies.
  - Friends will be part of the Franklin County Fair Parade; would like to have 3 banners -- library, friends, foundation and will invite staff, friends, and supporters to march as well.
- New business
- Old business and committee reports

- Building committee -- none
- Communications committee
  - By next trustee meeting, committee will have met and will have things to share regarding how to approach the vote
  - When announcement of grant money is made, MBLC sends a press release to the local papers; committee is working on getting information prepared for when that happen
- Foundation
  - Discussion about money raised; town has a donor account, but Foundation will put monies donated in their own account
  - Foundation has put together a form for larger donors for names on a plaque; discussion about who gets final say over what can be in the building. Discussion followed. Decided that subcommittee of trustees and foundation should review the text prior to plaques being finalized
- Policy committee
  - Vote on updated customer behavior policy
  - Motion to accept by Becky, seconded by Bill; passed
- MBLC Grant
  - Announcement should be coming out on Thursday, but until the information comes out, this isn't official
- Director's report
  - We have had requests to use the back lawn for non-library programs -- ongoing free Qi Gong class -- and are thinking we could label back lawn as a third meeting room.
  - We will work on re-wording the meeting room policy to include the back lawn
  - In accordance with Behavior Policy, people who are currently camping on library grounds will be told they can't
  - Programming is going very well. Both meeting rooms and the teen area were in use last night while Quidditch was going on in the Energy Park.

Motion to adjourn made by Ed, seconded by Doris; Passed.

*Meeting ended at 6:39pm.*