

Board of Trustees, 11/13/18

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

Guests: Joe Ruggeri

Public:

Meeting called to order at 5:16pm.

- Changes/additions to the agenda -- none
- Public comment
- Approval of minutes from previous meetings
 - tabled until December meeting
- Friends report
 - Friends are buying another 40 t-shirts; should be in soon; staff will help sell
 - 1000 BBK program on 11/11 went well as did raffle on 10/27
 - Next book sale is 12/1
- New business
 - Meeting Room Policy question
 - new Girl Scout/Brownie troop that wants to meet here every other Monday from 4-6
 - Will okay for 6 months to see how it works for group
- Old business and committee reports
 - Building committee
 - Had a discussion about moving forward with project and JRA (architects)
 - Decision is to move forward with JRA but with a different architect in the firm; moves project forward more quickly

- Advocacy committee

- Signs went up over the weekend; Ed wants to acknowledge Bill's talent for getting signs up in people's yards; plan is 20 per precinct; out of signs already, but Ed has ordered another 100 which will be in on Friday; all requests for signs need to go to Rachel at the Foundation.
- Three council meetings before the vote; trustees all need to be at the meetings, email councilors, write letters to the editor; December 13 meeting is a public hearing just for the library that will be held at the Jon Zon center.
- Will be running full page ad on page 3 of the Recorder with a list of all supporter (over 1000)
- Downside is staff is being inundated with negative comments at the desk; here is suggested wording: "It is our understanding the new library building will not increase taxes." If additional questions come up, give them Ellen's business card or get their name and number/email address and have someone with more information get back to them.
- Copies of old building grant applications will be at council on Friday per their request; 1995 application was to renovate current building and was turned down by the MBLC; 1996 application never made it past council. 1995 rejection letter from MBLC will be sent to trustees.

- Foundation

- In addition to ad, there will be Facebook boost advertising in November and December; 5 questions each month; anyone on FB in the geographic area will get the boost ad
- 1/2 size paper signs will be going up in local businesses
- Discussion at Foundation about spending versus saving for a capital campaign

- Director's report
 - We need a waiver again this year and will need to advocate for more money in town budget from now on; monies must come from town
 - Jo Comerford came for a visit and was wonderful
 - Ongoing discussion of Narcan in libraries; also a staffing/union issue; has been sent to Mayor for a decision

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

Meeting ended at 6:25pm.