

Lincoln Public Library Trustees Meeting

January 26, 2016

Present: Jacquelin Apsler, Chair; Julie Brogan, Jack French, Martin Dermady, Kathleen Nichols, Peter Sugar, Barbara Myles, Library Director; Ginny Turpin, Recorder

Minutes of December 8, 2015 Meeting

The Minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting were accepted as written.

VOTE: Yes=6, No=0

Staff Concerns

None at this time.

Building & Grounds

- The roof repair performed by One Way Painting and Roofing passed Jim McKenna's (Clerk of the Works) inspection.
- Dan Walsh, Lincoln's Building Inspector, gave us a Certificate of Completion for the roof repair project.
- The funds (\$54,000) for the V walk and steps will probably be approved by the Capital Planning Committee Jacquelin noted. The extension of the walk to Bedford Road was not approved, however.
- Chris Bibbo hired SavATree to prune the big old oak tree at the corner of Library Lane and Trapelo Road.
- Chris also hired Lincoln Tree to remove snow from the sidewalk and entrance terrace.
- The Trustees voted to remove the two crabapple trees located next to the Library Lane sidewalk because an elderly woman slipped on a crabapple and fell. Ken Bassett, Lincoln's Tree Warden, agreed that these trees can be cut down.

Space Planning

- The plan submitted by Stefura was not popular and had to be reworked.
- Bobbie will redistribute the final plan and bring it up for discussion at the February meeting.

Annual Report

- Bobbie distributed a draft of the annual report. The Trustees suggested several revisions. Jacquelin recommended highlighting the positive aspects more effectively. Peter advised a more pronounced separation of construction and other library accomplishments. Kathleen volunteered to revise the draft for publication.

Friends – Julie Brogan

- The Friends are following Groton Public Library's lead and are planning to offer gifts to newcomers to the town (about 40 to 50 families each year) when they register for library cards.
- With Bemis Hall's basement undergoing renovations, the Friends' book sales are temporarily suspended. Julie addressed a complaint about the book sales in that book sales get crazy, with book dealers arriving early and buying up huge amounts of books at once. Julie explained that the dealers buy a lot of books which brings in a lot of revenue for the Friends.

- On-line sales of books and other items to benefit the Friends have been very successful, with the help of Lincoln resident, Mark Styles, who is student at Trinity College in Ireland

Local Heroes Programs for Young Adults – Martin Dermady

- There have been some excellent presentations on such topics as the future of space exploration and robotics. Many parents have attended with their children and these programs have generated much positive feedback. Martin has scheduled Michael Rosenblatt, MD to speak in April. He is also trying to sign up Paul Farmer MD, co-founder of Partners in Health.

Other Business

- Many thanks to Kathleen Nichols for her hospitality at the dinner meeting in December.
- Kudos to the library staff for bearing up well while the facility was under construction during the fire suppression project.
- The formation of a jury is being considered to formalize the selection process for displaying artwork in the gallery. There is currently a long waiting list of artists interested in displaying their work.
- Lincoln residents, who present a Lincoln Public Library card, are receiving a 10% discount on meal purchases at AKA Bistro for a limited time.
- Police Chief Kevin Kennedy came across some artifacts related to Constable Farrar who was murdered in the line of duty. Chief Kennedy is interested in getting someone to research the history of the Lincoln Police Department.
- The Trustees will invite Eric Harris, the Finance Committee's liaison to the library, and Susan Brooks, Town Clerk, to the March Trustees meeting. Hopefully there won't be a conflict with Town Meeting scheduled for that month.

Vacancies

- Julie Brogan is not running for re-election in March. Jen James, a longtime patron of the library, is running for this elected Trustee position.
- Amy Gavalis has retired after 32 years as Department Head then Co-Department Head of the Children's Department. To fill the void, Jane Flanders, who was Co-Department Head with Amy, is now the Department Head. Debbie Leopold, Assistant Children's Librarian, will work eight additional hours per week. Denise Shaver has been hired to work ten hours per week as an Assistant Children's Librarian. She will do the pre-school storytimes that Amy used to do.

The next meeting is on Thursday, February 25, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ginny Turpin