

Great Barrington Libraries Board of Trustees November 14, 2019 5:30 pm
Mason Library 231 Main Street Great Barrington, MA 01230

I. Call to Order at 5:30 pm.

A. Attendance: All Trustees in attendance. Library director absent. The ... assistant was in attendance. Audience: 8

B. Approval of October Minutes: MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER MINUTES. 2nd
NO DISCUSSION. VOTE : 6 - 0

C. Friends Report: Ed Abrahams reported that while the mixed aged attendance at the Disco party in October was average, everyone had a great time and that the event will be planned for next year. A Sock Hop may be planned for February at the Housy Dome.

Sharon Gregory spoke of her appreciation for the valued assistance that the Friends and the library staff gave her and her group during the Green Inspirations art show at Mason (mid August-mid October). Margaret Moulton of Berkshire Grown also spoke of her appreciation to the Friends, especially to H. Hamer and E. Abrahams.

Abrahams noted that the attendance at the September First Saturday documentary film was 125, their highest attendance yet. The documentary was related to the Green Inspirations art show.

Proceeds from the sale of artwork netted \$1,500 for the library.

Thanks were extended to Sharon for her planning and implementation of this event.

D. Vote on Request to place ads in the Shopper's Guide (approx. \$150): MOTION TO APPROVE UP TO \$150 FROM RAMSDELL DONATIONS FOR ADVERTISING FOR RAMSDELL'S "CHANGE IN HOURS" AND THE NEW "LIBRARY OF THINGS" LENDING PROGRAM AT RAMSDELL. 2nd. DISCUSSION. VOTE: 6 – 0 Patrick Hollenbeck noted that while the Trustees had approved \$100 for advertising back in January and not being sure whether that money had ever been spent, with the new 2020 fiscal year, monies needed to be reappropriated in order to advertise the upcoming change in hours at Ramsdell Library that will occur in January. In addition, advertising will be needed to publicize the new "Library of Things" area that will be located in Ramsdell. The "Library of Things" is possible because of a \$9,624.00 grant that was awarded the library in July and is now in the process of being set up at Ramsdell.

E. Two Website designer presentations by T Square (5:45pm): Abbey Tovall made a presentation for her firm to be hired to redesign the library website.

Geiger Computer(6:15pm): Glenn Geiger also made a presentation for his firm to be hired to redesign the library website.

At the end of the presentations, P. Hollenbeck asked the Trustees to forward to ADeG by Monday (18th) any questions that they may have regarding the revision of the website.

He also noted that ADeG will meet separately with each presenter to clarify information before a decision is made as to who will be hired for the website revision.

II. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

A. Buildings & Grounds: K. Plungis: KP stated that she has given the Library Director an updated list of necessary repairs to both libraries. She noted that a few projects have been on the list since 2017, notably the "eggshell" overhang above Mason's front door. Monies for that replacement were approved

for this project via a CPA grant in 2018. She also noted that "locked, unlocked" notification locks still have not been placed on the Mason main floor bathrooms. That request has been on the list since late 2018. The Director will pass the list onto the DPW Director.

B. Director's Report -- A. DeGiorgis: No Report. The Director was absent.

C. Treasurer's Report -- K. Plungis: No Report. The Director was absent.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Announcements and Updates (CPA grant): The request for \$85,000 for replacement of some windows and casements at Ramsdell Library was approved and moved to the next step in the process.

IV. New Business

A. Mass Library Trustees annual meeting November 16, Shrewsbury Library 9:30 am. It was Noted that P. Hollenbeck and J. Stanhope will attend.

B. Citizens Speak: NONE

VI. Adjournment: MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:15pm. 2nd. VOTE: 6 - 0

Kathleen Plungis, Trustee

Next meeting date: December 12, 2019