

Simon Fairfield Public Library
Trustees Meeting
April 27, 2023

Present: Morrow, Anderson, Chesebrough, Holden, Fontaine, and Snook. Guest: Lyons.

Absent: Socrat, Harvey, VanReed

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM.

The minutes were approved unanimously for April 4th.

Financial Report

Snook reported that the second payment from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) for the LIG/MEG grant was received adding \$9,000+ to that total.

Chesebrough related that the Bartholomew account for the Library Building Fund as of March 31, 2023 was \$88,216.19.

Director's Report

Staff illness has hampered staffing of the Library recently.

Circulation has remained high.

Old Business

- **Director's contract**

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept as presented the Director's contract.

- **Handicapped Access**

- **Building Grant**

The letter of intent for the MBLC building grant had been submitted on April 26, 2023. The full application is due March, 2024.

Snook has been creating possible focus groups and public fora which will be led by consultant Mary Braney in June and July. He will share the final scenarios when they work themselves out.

- **Grants**

Nothing new to report.

- **LRP Updates**

Nothing new to report.

- **Friends**

The Friends Memorial Day Book and Plant sale will be held Saturday, May 27, 2023 from 9AM until noon.

Memberships for this year as of April 22, 2023 had reached \$4,060.00.

- **Oil furnace and hot water heater**

The installation of the hot water heater and removal of the oil furnace and oil tank is scheduled for April 28, 2023.

- **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program**

Due to staff availability at both Dudley and Douglas, this will be addressed at the May meeting.

New Business

- **Annual Town Meeting**

It was reminded that the Annual Town Meeting will be held May, 1, 2023 at 7PM.

- **Town Election**

The town election will be held Tuesday May 9, 2023. Leo Lyons presented his intent to be a write-in candidate for Library Trustee due to a vacancy on the Board for a candidate to be voted in this year.

The next meeting will be May 27, 2023, 5 PM, remotely

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellie Chesebrough, Secretary