

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2014

Also present: Library Director Andrew Jenrich

The Finance Committee members were informed of the criteria to maintain the library's certification, including that 19% of budget has to be spent on books for certification. Budget line increases exist in contracted services, books, programming, and fuel; remaining account lines are level-funded. The municipal appropriation is a concern. Last week the MA Board of Library Commissioners granted a waiver of MAR, so we are certified to receive state aid.

V Report on Building Committee/Discuss Design Proposal/ Green Communities

The Building Committee met with the architect last week and discussed plans. Andrew explained the features of the new library using the plans and noted aspects and areas that may need to be improved in future iterations. Building Committee wants the new design to meet the needs of the trustees and all users.

Susan updated on Green Communities; Anne petitioned state to see if the St. Michael's building could be added in to the list to be considered for funding; as of yet no response has been received. There is a good chance it will be approved but the grant proposal is due 3/31. Windows, insulation, hot water heater, boilers could be covered. It is still undetermined at this date whether or not grant will be pursued.

VI Update on Historical Society

This agenda item was passed over. Susan will provide an update in a future meeting.

VII Friends of Library Update

Amy reported that the Friends have enough money for programming and are ascertaining a direction for membership and fundraising. Some money has been contributed toward the Rudden challenge. Otherwise, a Capital campaign, grants, and other ways to contribute are being investigated. Donation buttons are being put on the website for PayPal donations. The next Friends meeting will be held on March 31, 2014.

VIII Review 9/13 Work Plan

Susan remarked on our steady progress on achieving goals and encouraged the group to consider what needs to be added or dropped down the priority list. Adding the Historical Society request is needed. Andrew will share fundraising opportunities with the Friends group via Amy. Revised plan will be circulated in the near future.

IX Trustee Positions

Michelle Brower has not taken out nomination papers for the May election and does not plan to run. Susan Darnell will be running for re-election.

X Updates and Announcements

Susan mentioned having contact with a group called Tutors with Tails, which promotes literacy by providing certified dogs for children to read to in the library. This program may be considered for the future in our new location.

XI Future Agenda Items

Next meeting will be held on March 5, 2014, at 7:00 PM at the Taft Public Library.

Policies and Procedures update

Susan Darnell will be participating in the next two meetings remotely via Skype from FL.

XI Adjournment

MOTION: On a motion of Amy Fahey to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sharron Luttrell.

VOTED: Unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Minutes by Leigh Martin