

Great Barrington Libraries Board of Trustees  
January 12, 2017  
Mason Library  
231 Main Street  
Great Barrington, MA 01230

- I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm.
  - a. Attendance: Kathy Plungis (KP), Dana Coleman (DC), Patrick Hollenbeck (PH), Hilda Banks-Shapiro (HBS), Lauren Clark (LC). Absent: Adam Gudeon (AG).  
Amanda DeGiorgis (AD), Director. Audience: 1
  - b. Approval of December minutes: HBS motion to approve December minutes, DC second. Vote 5-0.
  - c. Trustee Announcements: KP announced that she has written a letter to the Tree Committee regarding the tree that Tom Ingersoll is interested in donating to Mason Library. The donation, the removal of the current tree and the planting of the new tree will first need to go through the Tree Committee, then the Selectboard and then DPW. KP will follow up.
- II. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees
  - a. Director's Report: AD (see attached report). PH asked about basement lights at Ramsdell as he noticed they had been on in the evening. PH suggested investigating a sensor for those lights. AD requested a vacuum cleaner for Ramsdell as there is not one there. LC motion to approve up to \$250 from Ramsdell Donations for purchase of a vacuum cleaner. PH second. Vote 5-0. LC will be checking with local vacuum retailer before we pursue ordering elsewhere. AD presented options for changing library hours in order to incorporate Sundays at Ramsdell (see attached Director's Report). Discussion centered on what days of the week were busier or quieter at both libraries. Board does not like the idea of closing Ramsdell three days a week. Board will be considering the two proposed options and a vote will be taken at the next meeting. HBS asked if the library was interested in student art again for Arbor Day. KP asked if the tree planting could possibly happen around then. DC will be asking the Great Barrington Rudolf Steiner School if they would like to do the art for Arbor Day.
  - b. Treasurer's Report: AD stated that accounts were on target. (see attached report)
  - c. Friend's Report: KP delivered report for Ed Abrahams (EA). Friends' Saturday Film had 30 attendees. There were two other competing events that evening and the weather was not good. There is a possibility of showing the film on a Saturday afternoon. KP asked for accounting of Friends' income and expenses in a bimonthly spreadsheet. LC proposed to ask the Friends for more information on what was spent on refreshments on Sunday as the amount they gave the library was not going to last 52