

Draft of minutes of Gt. Barrington Library Trustees Sept. 9, 2010

Present: Karen Beebe, Karen Smith, Tom Blauvelt, Ronnie Cunningham, Hilda Shapiro, and Jim Stark, trustees. Also: Anne Just, Dawn Barbieri, Donna , staff.

Anne Just went over her Sept. report. Circulation was up 8% over last year, and up 145% since the Mason construction project was finished in spring, '07. She said it is typical for circulation to double after renovation. Other factors include interlibrary loans and the poor economy. She has been working on annual reviews to prep the town manager for union negotiations in the spring. She recommended buying three Sony Touch e-readers. She said the long range plan must be for twenty years. She said the Ramsdell design committee has had its last meeting and will wait until the money is appropriated. Mason brought in \$2300 from the August book sale; she did not get much help with the sale.

Hilda Shapiro: nothing to report from the 250th committee, wants suggestions.
Various: float, children in costume, historical figures.

Karen Smith: memorial bench for Jackie Siok to be placed between two trees in front of Mason, no charge to library. (general approval)

Ronnie Cunningham: gearing up for newspaper series.

Karin Beebe: new library cards should have glibraries.org and email address on them.

Smith: motion to that effect (unanimous)

Dawn Barbieri: tried games before w/ poor response

A. Just: can't manipulate business hours till she gets staffing issue resolved.

Smith: motion to send town mgr. letter asking for action on staffing issue by Oct. 1. (unanimous)

Notes of Jy 13th public meeting approved as minutes.

Discussion re the bigger city libraries near Springfield not cooperating with inter-library loan requests from residents of towns with decertified libraries.

Smith: (motion) will trustees agree to allow Alford residents to continue to use the GB libraries for \$1,000? (withdrawn - they can continue to use for no charge, and the \$1,000 would be no help with the non-cooperating libraries anyway)

Library hours: postpone discussion

Smith re Friends: suggests Holly Hamer and Joey Chernila as organizers.

Barbieri: Julia Erikson and Deb Guhl for Ramsdell.

Stark: librarians have been sitting on names already submitted

Blauvelt report on finances: \$238,000 left in Mason Renovation Fund, not under trustees' control, and \$25,800 various funds for furnishing, finishes, and equipment, which is under the control of the trustees.

Smith (motion): buy shelving unit for Ramsdell (pass)

Smith (motion): assign \$10,000 for programming for both libraries (pass)

Smith(motion): send invoice to Lauren Sartori for completion of Mason furnishings (pass)

Smith: let Greg Ward design children's reading garden

Smith: doesn't want more than ten people at long-range planning meeting, including some staff. Meeting to be at Wheeler & Taylor on Oct. 5th at 6.

J. Stark: would like to discuss Ramsdell historic designation next meeting.

Next trustees mtg. Oct. 14th.

minutes by J. Stark