

Town Of Millbury
Meeting Minutes
Board of Trustees Millbury Public Library

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Date: 8/15/17

Time: 6pm

Location of the Meeting: Millbury Public Library Meeting Room

Meeting Type: Regular X Special Emergency

Present: Jeff Raymond, Stephanie Phillips Richter, Carol Burke, Bob Laut, Rita Sullivan

Absent: Chris Brady, Paul DiCicco

Call to Order: Carol Burke called the meeting to order at 6:04.

Minutes: Bob Laut moved to accept the minutes, Stephanie Phillips Richter seconded. Unanimously accepted.

Chairman's Minute: Carol Burke thanked members of the board for their dedication and effort on the recent activities.

Director's Report: Summer has been busy with a lot of programs. 147 people signed up for summer reading, an increase from last year. Tuesday events went well, but would have liked to see more attendance. Ice cream social went well as well, but not attended as well as hoped.

Elizabeth Valero noted that Veteran's Day falls on a Saturday, and it impacts how the library will be open and staffed. The Board opted to table this until September.

State aid is being finalized.

Old Business: Bob Laut gave an update on facilities information. The spreadsheet with issues is submitted with the minutes; Laut gave an overview of each line item. We discussed needs to open the roof to bid in particular.

Bob Laut and Paul DiCicco met with the Town Manager in July to discuss a few items. Dave Marciello was on board with removing the Library fines. Regarding facilities, there is an understanding now regarding who is in charge of the library as a facility, and this is no longer a concern on either side. On the topic of expenses and approving payouts, Marciello will continue to negotiate contracts where appropriate, and he understands a lot of our concerns for the expenses under the town umbrella, and is hands-off on non-budgetary items funded through donations and such. The way that the Library Director was handled by the Charter was also discussed, and the Board will need to figure out how to approach it moving forward in terms of contract renewal.

We discussed the removal of fines. There was a bit of miscommunication regarding the movement on the fines and how much of a test this is. We discussed further and it was noted that Food for Fines is happening shortly. Jeff Raymond, after discussion, moved that we delay the implementation until January to allow for Food for Fines. Stephanie Phillips Richter seconded, and the vote was 4-0 with Rita Sullivan abstaining.

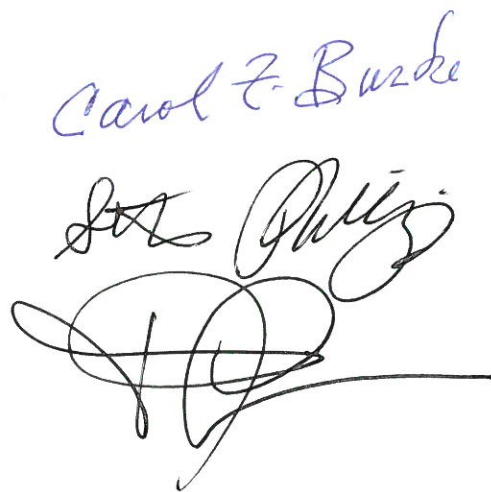
Jeff Raymond noted that the Lenore Skenazy event is coming up. We have publicity materials, we are seeking a place for her to stay for the night, and we decided to pursue the high school auditorium as the venue. Fidelity Bank will be donating some money for the event, and we will be seeking more community input. We will also be reaching out to the local libraries in the area for support.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: Carol Burke moved to adjourn at 8:07. Rita Sullivan seconded, unanimous.



Christopher Bracy
Rita Sullivan



Carol F. Burke
Steph Phillips Richter