

Ashby Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
Thursday March 22, 2012

Call to Order: 7:11 p.m.

Present: John Mickola, Michelle Thomas, Mary O’Friel, Doug Leab, Anne Manney, Hanae Olmstead, Martha Morgan, Library Director Mary Murtland

Secretary’s Report: MOTION to accept minutes with minor amendments from February meeting, Seconded, U.A.¹

Treasurer’s Report/ Scholarship Committee:

Process to have the Marston Fund accepted at the Community Foundation of North Central MA (CFNCM) was delayed. Has to go through the court system because it is a Trust. Lawyer had to get another letter from CFNCM; they lost the first one. There were two checks: \$330, which was scholarship dividend, and \$165 for the library to use.

MOTION to Accept Treasurer’s and Scholarship Report, Seconded, UA.

Library Director’s Report:

Circulation is up from 2011 to 2012; slightly down in March (a lot of people here for programs in February).

62 books purchased with the Libri Foundation grant. The Friends will highlight this.

Wednesday night (3/21) 2 cars were vandalized in the back parking lot – both library assistants. Mary M. called the police. Police asked about cameras in the back; we have none, so they suggested we might want to get some. Approximately \$1,000 to do the parking lot, and the children’s room should be done while we are at it.

Can we add cameras on to finance committee’s budget? Ask the Town? Mike McCallum, who does that kind of work, said he can help to price it out. Perhaps the Fund can pay for it? At least one member of the Fund says no, the Town should cover that cost. John will ask at the next department heads’ meeting.

MOTION to accept Director’s Report. Seconded, UA.

Budget Update:

The request for funding for the pages to help shelve was denied by the Finance Committee and Selectmen (\$5,000 requested). Mary M. has no time to help patrons when she is busy shelving books. Dwight is not sure he can get more laptops to keep the teen volunteer program going. Also, \$2,600 was cut out of the building maintenance for furnace repairs. Book line remains at

¹ U.A.: Unanimous Approval.

the required 19.5%. Another senior is looking for a position for tax write-off program. Shelves have to move around. In Mary M.'s experience, the seniors sometimes have problems moving around to shelve books. There are also no articles for any energy saving materials in the library as requested.

Mary M. is still requesting the Fire Chief and full-time EMT to help train people on the defibrillators, as required yearly.

Next meeting April 26th (4th Thursday).

8:15 pm Adjourn

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martha A. Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Martha Morgan, Secretary