

Moretown Memorial Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 28, 2016
NOT APPROVED

Present: Sarah Nussbaum, Jennifer Tripp-Mead, Karen Sharpwolf, Jamie Wimble, Elizabeth Burt (recording)

7:12 Call to Order

7:12 Public Comment

- Jamie tried to get a petition to be on the ballot and was told there will be no trustees on the ballot
- Town used language from the League of Cities and Towns, was not comprehensive
- Language did not talk about the method of electing trustees
- Will go before voters at Town Meeting
- Selectboard will appoint trustees at meeting on March 7th after Town Meeting (March 1st)
- **Karen to write letter to Selectboard to request appointments for all board members, will include which term each person will be appointed to**

7:21 Treasurer's Report

- FY15: Spent 92.43% of budgeted funds
- Spent 91.88% of Personnel Budget
- Spent 92.28% of Operating Expenses
- DiYeso Fund Balance: \$4805.31 (earned \$3.53 interest)
- FY16 Budget approved except for personnel
- Effective April 1st, pay increases for all town employees take effect. Will not be retroactive to January. It is not clear what other factors are influencing overall Town budget or decision of Selectboard to delay full budget approval.

Report Approved.

7:35 Secretary's Report

- Minutes from Nov, 12, 2015 approved

7:15 Librarian's Report

- Friday storytimes are not well attended. The time conflicts with open gym and is during MECA
- Story time with Mrs. Claus was popular. We may consider other bedtime story times or a "leave a friend at the library" event.
- Want to start things to borrow - starting with snowshoes. Sarah may send out survey, will likely be only 1 question
- Vermont History through Song event was well-attended. We may do other collaborations with the Historical Society.
- Try it Here First has not been very popular.
- Art in the library also lagging. Elizabeth will see about getting a potter to display her work.
- We had 2 pre-school visits. Books that were checked out stayed in the classroom, and we got them all back. We will continue this process in the future.
- Sarah requested the Booklist subscription from the Friends.
- Craig Eilers is on the Friends Board. Unclear who other board members are. Sarah may check with Lisa Samson.
- Sarah will coordinate with MECA for summer storytime.
- Chris Costello is interested in becoming a board member, will keep volunteering as well.

Report Approved.

7:56 New Business

- Friends
 - Elizabeth feels we need to revitalize the Friends group. Karen and Elizabeth will learn more about the Friends from the Trustees guidebook.
- New trustees
 - Jamie Wimble and Chris Costello
- Revision of by-laws
 - Need to revise them to reflect new terms: 3 3-year terms, 2 1-year terms

- **Current by-laws:** 1. The Board of Trustees of the Moretown Memorial Library shall consist of five trustees elected for five year terms by the registered voters of the Town of Moretown. The trustees shall serve staggered terms and shall be residents of Moretown. After election the trustee will take and subscribe to the statutory official oath prescribed by the Town of Moretown.
 - **Proposed Updated by-laws:** 1. The Board of Trustees of the Moretown Memorial Library shall consist of five trustees elected by the registered voters of the Town of Moretown. Three trustees shall serve 3-year terms, and 2 Trustees shall serve 1-year terms. The trustees shall serve staggered terms and shall be residents of Moretown. After election the trustee will take and subscribe to the statutory official oath prescribed by the Town of Moretown.
- **Revision to by-laws approved.**

8:18 Old Business

- **Parker Trust \$1113.64**
 - Documentation from the Probate Court clearly states that the trust was dissolved. The board is comfortable making decisions about spending the fund.

8:24 Adjourn