

Moretown Memorial Library of Trustees

Annual Trustee Meeting

July 16, 2025, 9am-12pm

Present: Pam Barnes, Bridgete Hardy, Erin Hunt, Sybil Schlesinger, Cory Stephenson, Dan Zucker

Call to Order: 9:14am

Reading: Erin Hunt

Public Comment:

Cory and Pam suggested a short team building. Trustees introduced themselves to each other.

NB: April 2026, Cory will have been the Library Director for 10 years.

Secretary's Notes:

1) Sybil moved to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2025 Trustee meeting. Bridgete seconded. Approved unanimously.

2) The Trustees determined that the bank accounts are both with the Friends because the Friends are the 508 (c) 3 that holds the accounts. Therefore the Friends will be responsible for how to handle the required IRS filing because the capital campaign account holds over \$50K.

Treasurer's Report:

Bridgete reported that we are slightly under budget for this time of the year. See report.

Issues with cost of repairs for the heater in the original Moretown Library where the Historical Society is now. The Selectboard agreed to cover this cost.

There has also been a marked increase in the costs for heating since the Historical Society moved in.

Under the auspices of the Selectboard, we are moving to separate the Historical Society's budget from the Library's budget. We also want to move towards not having the former library be a library building, but a Town building. Note: The current heat and electric bills for the Town Library are covered by the Town, while these costs are charged to the Library for the former library building where the Historical Society is currently housed.

The next step is for Cory, Bridgete and now Dan to work to create a task list to bring to the Selectboard in September. Bridgete also argued for improving budget transparency.

The courier costs will now move to postage as the grant has ended.

Training/Mileage and professional development costs should be increased for 2026.

Librarian's Report:

Stats are steady but visits are up slightly. Story Time has had its most successful year.

Erin suggested a push for Canopy to support the library. BiblioPlus is also available. Erin will promote on FPF and also connect to the Library Newsletter at the beginning of August.

Friends are supporting Cory to go to the conference for registration/hotel. The flight is about \$400. Cory asked if she could tap the Donation fund.

Dan moved that the Trustees cover up to \$500 in Transportation costs for Cory to attend the ARSL conference provided the Donation balance is above \$500. Sybil seconded. Unanimously approved. Cheryl confirmed that there are funds available in this account: \$1275.79

Cory thinks she is going to the Selectboard on Monday to present the final costs for the Library renovation.

Nicole and Cory have been discussing updating signage for the Library, perhaps a new Open sign with the new logo.

Erin mentioned that the Burlington Writer's workshop has a group that meets every other week at the Joslin Library. The group has asked that the Moretown library's promote this.

Matters Arising:

*Vote on new collection development policy that complies with Act 150:

We discussed changing the collection objection form to include a question that asks how the item being questioned violates the Library's Collection Policy.

Erin moved to approve the new collection development policy that complies with Act 150. Bridgete seconded. Passed unanimously.

We agreed to review the General Policies 1-6 at our September Trustees meeting. We will also discuss implementing a dog policy. Bridgete will bring a couple of local policies for review. We will also discuss how to launch.

*Review and vote on MOU with Historical Society:

Sybil moved that we approve the amended MOU and authorize Bridgete to sign it with the Historical Society. Pam seconded. Passed unanimously.

*Morefest 100th Anniversary Discussion: begins at 4pm on Saturday, Saturday, September 13th

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 11 at 6:30pm.

Erin moved to adjourn and Pam seconded.