

MN Spear Library Trustees  
Meeting  
November 16, 2015

Members Present: Michele Cunningham, Gail Fleischaker, Dale Houle, Michele Regan-Ladd, and Co-Chairs Kate Cell & Molly Moss  
Library Director - Mary Anne Antonellis

- We took in around \$500 for the library at the Friends Annual Meeting/Lasagna Dinner, but the evening was not about money. It was a delicious way to connect and make friends. Mary Anne applied for a grant to get music again next year. This and the Ice Cream social are two events we would like to make a tradition.
- Vote to approve September minutes - accepted unanimously.
- Vote to pass October minutes as amended approved unanimously.
- Director's report discussion.
- Approved Director's report with note that if expansion of Kayak program is decided we will post an announcement.
- Discussed Mary Anne's action plan, compared to last year's action plan, Mary Anne made edits, Kate and Molly signed.
- Vote to approve the FY2017 action plan to submit to MBLC approved unanimously.
- Budget: We have the funds to cushion us and agreed to ask for only the \$1324.00 that will meet the 2 ½% requirement. Trustees are excited by the budget and all we get for it, including a library that is open 7 days a week! Mary Anne will make the appropriate edits and amend the budget.
- Vote to approve the budget as amended – approved unanimously.
- Kate reported back on the All Town Boards Meeting. Kate arrived well prepared to respond to the questions proposed by the Selectboard about access, transparency and community outreach. Kate's report highlighted that the emphasis of the library is not just the space, but is bigger than that, and serves as a community resource in a variety of different ways. She answered questions from the various board members and expressed the Trustees' understanding that there are a whole range of reasons why the new library vote did not pass. Our goal at this juncture is to disentangle that challenge, reach out across the divide, and get broad public support as we plan for the future. We are grateful to Kate for doing such a beautiful job sharing with the town boards the positive impact and support that the Director, Friends, Trustees, and Community patrons have for our library.

Next meeting Dec. 14, 2015.

#### Agenda

- Director's report
- Long range planning discussion(Check Google Docs)
- Annual Report
- Mary Anne's talking points for letter to State Legislature regarding \$600,000 cut to technology line on the budget (From October meeting added after this meeting by Michele C when writing minutes.)
- Kate will check perpetual Calendar for additional agenda items

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michele Cunningham  
Secretary, MN Spear Library Trustees

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Mary Anne Antonellis, Director

Monthly Report - November 13, 2015

November 10, 2015 – I attended the Massachusetts STEM Summit at the DCU Center in Worcester. I attended workshops on providing STEM programming to teens in the summers, Sidewalk Math, and Digital Resources on STEM topics. Governor Baker was a featured speaker.

November 3, 2015 – Jake Shadow from the Boston Public Library, Digital Commonwealth project, visited to discuss our historic collections and the opportunities to digitize them. I will have all the Town Annual Reports, the collection of information on historic buildings and our historic Shutesbury Map collections digitized. Our digital collection will also include artifacts from the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

November 14, 2015 – Mary Anne and Susie Mosher will attend a Friends Sharing with Friends meeting at the Public Library in Gardner. This event is sponsored by the MBLC. Susie and Mary Anne went to a similar event last year and found it to be inspiring and informative.

Last month the Town Treasurer's and Accountant's computers were hacked. A lot of data was lost. All of the original paper records are being used to recreate the data and the work is well underway. Some financial information is unavailable at this time.

Program change – The PTO and the Library both planned family events on the same night, Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. With some slight adjustments to both of our plans, we have managed to combine the two events. There will be a PTO sponsored potluck supper at 5:30 pm, followed by a Library sponsored puppet show at 6:30 pm. The entire event will be held at the school.

The Friends of the Library received a \$500 donation from Republic Services, the company that hauls our trash.

The Friends are asking community members to vote for them in the Florence Bank Customer's Choice Community Grant Program. Last year the Friends received a \$904 gift for the New Library Account from Florence Bank. <https://www.florencebank.com/vote>

The Library Bookclub is helping with a Soup for Syria Fundraiser.

**Sunday November 22nd 5 –7:30pm**

**Shutesbury Athletic Club**

282 Wendell Rd, Shutesbury, MA 01072

80 chefs from around the world have donated soup recipes for the new book *Soup for Syria*, including Alice Waters, Yotam Ottolenghi, Mark Bittman and Anthony Bourdain. Join us for a selection of these soups on November 22nd. There will also be Middle Eastern music from Aliya Cycon, Professor Omar S. Dahi, Hampshire College, will speak at 5:30pm on the Syrian refugee crisis.

Copies of the book *Soup for Syria* will be on sale.  
Profits will be donated to help fund food relief efforts to Syrian refugees.

The Commonwealth Catalog will replace the Massachusetts Virtual Catalog. The VC was a collection of large consortia (C/W MARS, etc) and academic libraries all in one searchable database. The Commonwealth Catalog will include the same vast collection of libraries. I will participate in an online Commonwealth Catalog training on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

In the first four months of the current Fiscal Year (July 1 to October 31) we have circulated 9,926 items. In the same time period late year we circulated 10,646 items, a decrease of 720 items.

The Friends of the Library will be hosting a Soups and Stews dinner on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.