

M.N. Spear Library Trustee

Meeting

May 13, 2014

Members present – Karen Traub, Gail Fleischaker., Michele Regan-Ladd, Kate Cell, Dale Houle  
Library Director – Mary Anne Antonellis

Guests – Molly Moss, Newly elected Trustee, and Bob Raymond, Town Resident

1. Mary Anne Antonellis – Shared information about grants for libraries to develop outdoor space, to develop possibility for people to come together outside the library space. Grant is due May 19. Idea for the grant is to purchase canoes and kayaks, paddles, and PFDs to be stored at Lake Wyola Conservation area to be checked out at library. Mary Anne has already spoken to the Friends of the Library, PTO, and Conservation Commission. Trustees voted to approve the grant application. This would increase access to the residents of Shutesbury to our natural resource – Lake Wyola.
2. Library survey – we have 191 responses to date, which is a good response. We will make the survey available through Friday, May 24. We've had a good response; they are very positive. Mary Anne will share the results with the Trustees on-line. Almost everyone uses other libraries. It's clear that we live in a community where there are many library users. What people identified that they like the most about the MN Spear overwhelmingly is the staff.
3. Programs coming up - a poetry event, this Thursday – three published poets plus an open mic for other people to read their poetry. Saturday, May 31 – 204 Montague Road, 10 – 3, a community tag sale that the proceeds will go the Friends.
4. Spring 2014 Spruce-Ups – 12 jobs this year made \$1,240, these funds were raised for the New Library Fund. Ultimate Game – will be June 7, 11 – 1, in the big field behind the Town Hall.
5. Mary Anne checks to be sure that we meet the state aid requirements within the next month and state reports that are open July 1<sup>st</sup>, due in late August.
6. Michele Regan-Ladd shared the idea and model of the World Café as a process that we might want to consider as a way to begin the discussion amongst town residents about the future of the library in our community. Kate Cell has used a similar model and the general consensus was to read the book The World Café – Shaping our future through conversations that matter, by Wanita Brown and David Isaacs. Read for the next meeting. Link <http://www.theworldcafe.com>
7. Next meeting – review by-laws to finalize and approve, library by appointment, date of Trustee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Regan-Ladd  
Secretary