

GREAT BARRINGTON LIBRARIES
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Great Barrington Libraries' Board of Trustees
April 12, 2012
5:30 P.M.
Mason Library

PRESENT: KARIN BEEBE
TOM BLAUVELT
RONNIE CUNNINGHAM
HOLLY HAMER
HILDA BANKS SHAPIRO
JIM STARK

Kate Deviny – Director

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Karin Beebe at 5:30 P.M.

A. Attendance – All were present

B. Approval of minutes from the March meeting

MOTION: Holly Hamer to accept the March minutes as amended

SECOND: Ronnie Cunningham

VOTE: 4-0-2 Tom Blauvelt and Jim Stark abstained

C. Trustees' announcements – None

2. Report of Officers, Boards and Standing Committees

a. President's Report –

Karin Beebe stated that there was wonderful feedback about the party for the Director and Assistant Director. She thanked Holly for organizing it and for Hilda who handed out the books for the 'Centennial Read.'

b. Director's Report - Kate Deviny

Kate said the patron counters are in place and she gave the statistics per library. She also reported that she is receiving 20 suggestions per week and that number is growing. Kate said blinds were ordered for the history room, which will be in by the end of the month. Kate Deviny presented the Library Borrowing Policy and Procedures.

Ramsdell Library continues to undergo reorganizing. Kate will be at the Ramsdell Library every Friday to encourage people to use the library. She wants to show that it is important to the community. Kate said that they will also relocate the computers and change to lap-tops and I pads.

c. Treasurer's Report – Holly Hamer reported that the financials received from Lauren Sartori are on track. Holly stated that next year's budget should include a line item for programming.

d. Friends Report – Ron Blumenthal said that the film series is going well. He said that some Friends funds were spent on the party and people were asking how to help or donate.

e. Buildings and Grounds – A big thanks went out to Mike who cleaned up the library and did a great job. They are looking at the fence for the children's garden again; they want to see if it can be locked from the outside. The Committee said that the front doors at the Ramsdell Library are weathering badly and the energy audit revealed many gaps. An exterior sign is being installed.

f. Long Range Plan Committee – nothing to report

3. Unfinished Business

a. GB Reads – The next 'Read' may include 4 books. Kate Deviny suggested 70 inter-library loans.

Holly Hamer said that it is important to continue the momentum. She said that she is formulating a questionnaire.

The next 'launch' will be at the Ramsdell Library. Baked goods are needed for the next 'Read.' (4/28/12)

b. Computer purchase status – The computers are coming. There will be 19 public computers and 6 laptops. There will be an additional 6 laptops at Ramsdell Library. Kate said that Jessica Magelaner also worked hard on this project. The computers will be in by the end of the month.

c. Review/ comments -draft non-residency policy

Kate Deviny asked for feedback on the policy and stated that it is similar to all other local libraries.

Ronnie Cunningham spoke about the Patriot Act and said that it is not mentioned anywhere in the policy and procedures. She asked how requests would be handled, if the case should arise.

Kate Deviny said that she will put this on the agenda in the future.

d. Jim Stark re: Ramsdell Library Hours

Jim Stark questioned the cost of having Sunday hours at Ramsdell Library.

It was estimated that 16 hours would be needed per Sunday, which results in 256 hours for 4 months. He suggested returning the 1.5 hours lost to the new schedule. It was determined that the balance of 100 hours could not be made up by decreasing Wednesdays hours.

4. New Business- using library as a public venue

Kate Deviny read a letter from Kelly Vickery from BIFF requesting use of the Mason Library for a function. This would require the library to be closed early on a Thursday. BIFF would be responsible for requesting a liquor license.

Kate said that they can ask BIFF for a donation, if they choose.

Holly Hamer suggested that Ramsdell Library be kept open late that evening and agreed that a donation should be requested.

It was agreed that Karin Beebe and Kate Deviny would take care of the negotiations for a donation.

MOTION: Ronnie Cunningham to agree to offer the Library to BIFF with Karin Beebe and Kate Deviny negotiating a fee.

SECOND: Hilda Banks Shapiro

VOTE: 5-1 Jim Stark opposed

MOTION: Holly Hamer to allow BIFF to apply for a one day liquor license for their event

SECOND: Hilda Banks Shapiro

VOTE: 6-0

All agree that going forward they will determine each on a case by case basis.

5. Citizen Speak Time:

Michelle Loubert read a statement to the Trustees about an email that Holly Hamer wrote to the Trustees which was forwarded anonymously to a member of the press who then forwarded it to the Select Board and Town Manager and published it. Michelle asked for a written apology which she could include in her records and present when applying in the future for a job. A discussion followed.

MOTION: Ronnie Cunningham that the entire Board write a letter of apology to Michelle Loubert for contents of an email sent to the Trustees by Holly Hamer.

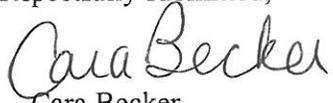
SECOND: Tom Blauvelt

VOTE: 3-3 Karin Beebe, Hilda Banks Shapiro and Holly Hamer against.

Tom Blauvelt, Ronnie Cunningham, and Jim Stark said that they would write a letter on their own.

6. Adjournment: On a motion by Holly Hamer, seconded by Karin Beebe, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cara Becker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Cara Becker

Recording Secretary