

Ashby Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 23, 2011

Meeting convened 7:10 p.m.

Present: John Mickola, Anne Manney, Michelle Thomas, Hanae Omsted, Mary O’Friel, Martha Morgan, Library Director Mary Murtland

Secretary’s Report: MOTION to accept minutes from May 26th meeting. Seconded, U.A.¹

Treasurer’s Report/ Scholarship Committee:

No Treasurer/Scholarship Report.

Library Director’s Report:

There are more people on counter than last year by a significant amount. Mary believes this is due to the programs being held. 80 people/ day in June; however, circulation is down in June from last year.

Broken stained glass over front door has been repaired, cleaned and replaced. Mary M. will propose to Ashby Library Fund (Fund) to place a double layer of glass on the front stained glass, then it would not have to be done again. This was suggested by the person who performed the work. Mary M. is waiting to get a cost estimate for the glass and work to install it.

New bookshelves are up downstairs and upstairs; good fit downstairs. There was space that was not used before downstairs.

Will have a suggestion box – build by John! Thank you John.

Summer Reading Program – up and running. There are lots of events and lots of prizes.

Puppet Theatre proposed by the Friends. Model is 2’x3’. Quote to make it is \$250.

MOTION to accept offer of puppet theatre from Friends. Seconded, UA.

Policy Committee did not meet- no report.

Proposal for Edwin Chapman Service Award:

MOTION to nominate Maureen Davi for Edwin Chapman Service Award. Seconded, UA.

When was last year’s award ceremony held?

¹ U.A.: Unanimous Approval.

Bills at the Town Hall – John spent a lot of time straightening these out. New Town Accountant is Terry Walsh.

Issue of P.O. Box: can we use the P.O. Box at the Town Hall instead of using the one at the post office? It is a lock box. Mailing address would be: 895 Main Street, Lock box #8.

Mary M. questioned: What do we have to do to have things delivered directly to the library? Lots of discussion about this. Mailbox may not be reachable from the road.

If lockbox- Mary M. wants at least 3 keys and plenty of time to change over and help before we change the address.

CWMARS is going to another system. Not sure if our printer is compatible.

John has gone to Finance Committee to ask for funds for heating to cover the year. New fiscal year as of June 30, so should be ok after that.

Mary M. to sign contract next year? Still does not want to; does not like wording about if no funding for the library, she is out of a job. Town council insisted the wording for all contracts.

8:20 pm Adjourn

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martha S. Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Martha Morgan, Secretary