

Ashby Library Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday February 23, 2012

**Call to Order: 7:05**

Present: John Mickola, Dwight Horan, Michelle Thomas, Martha Morgan, Doug Leab, Anne Manney, Hanae Olmstead, Library Director Mary Murtland

**Secretary's Report:** MOTION to accept minutes with minor amendments from January meeting, with minor amendments. Seconded, U.A.<sup>1</sup>

**Treasurer's Report/ Scholarship Committee:**

**Met with the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts (CFNCM):** re Marston Trust (started in 1943). Fund split with First Parish Church Unitarian Universalist. Atty. overseeing the group suggested we put the funds there. Approximately \$50K in principal. Doug met with Shaun Hennessey and Phil Grzewinski to talk about the CFNCM.

Motion to accept the CFNCM the new administrators of the Marston Fund and authorize Doug Leab to sign for the Trustees. Second, UA.

Discussion of Dwight's Scholarship Committee procedures and timeline. Dwight uses NMRHS as a basis for class ranking. Too many other schools with different rankings. Minor amendments to the procedures, will make changes and we will vote on changes next meeting. Michelle will post changes to the website.

Teen laptop program: Dwight ordered 8 new desktops and 15 new laptops for the laptop program from BAE Systems.

MOTION to Accept Treasurer's and Scholarship Report, Seconded, UA.

**Library Director's Report:**

Mary attended a director's roundtable today. MA Library Service is the new program. Switch over is on hold until the new updates are available. Some MBLC were not accepted. Fitchburg is on its way to certification. We got Libri Foundation Grant, largely because Fitchburg is not certified. Comes out to about \$350, 70 books, children's non-fiction.

Circulation has stayed the same throughout MA, probably because so many people use electronic books. People have not been using the Kindle as much as before. Mary M. does not have option to use the credit card for books any more. Mary will ask the Town Accountant about the credit card for books.

We may have lost children to the Townsend Library because children are down there now.

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<sup>1</sup> U.A.: Unanimous Approval.

Library has been very busy with groups this past month. Good turnout for story hour this month.

MOTION to accept Director's Report. Seconded, UA.

**Budget Update:**

Not much to add. Town Admin. recommended a 3% increase for Mary and other non-contract employees.

Next meeting March 22nd<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday).

8:20 pm Adjourn

Submitted by

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

Martha Morgan, Secretary