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Sept 12, 2016

MEETING OF THE MONTEREY LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Held at the Monterey Library
June 20, 2016

PRESENT: Kenn Basler, John Higgins, Mickey Jervas,
Beth Reiter, Lisa Smyle and MaryPaul Yates
Library Director Mark Makuc
Absent - None

Meeting was called to order - 7:10pm.

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 9, 2016 meeting were accepted by motion made by John and seconded by Kenn.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: We may be losing the services of our long-time volunteer, Marya Makuc. The Great Barrington Library has reached out to her with an offer for a paying position. Marya, who will be entering her junior year at Mt Everett in the fall, will be sorely missed.

Sue Cain and her merry band of beautifiers have installed potted plants at the entry to the library. They are also responsible for the flowers at the church and plan to paint the book drop box and the railing on the library handicap entrance. Many thanks to them all.

Murray Bodin has donated his two sculptures that are displayed on the library lawn to the Friends of the Library to do with as they please, or need.

A successful perc test has been performed which will allow the septic system to be moved to the east side of the building. Our thanks to the Select Board for making the Town crew available for the job; and hats off to Shawn and Kevin who with the Town's small backhoe, did a neat, clean and professional job. It is a pleasure when Town departments can work together for the benefit of the community.

The boundary line between the library and Brookbend has been clarified. It is now confirmed that portions of the Brookbend lawn are on library property, as are a number of their brush and debris piles. We will invite them to the public information hearing at which time we may be able to point out the boundary to them.

The site plan drawn by Foresight for the library construction project shows a lane to the river alongside the planned parking area so that the Fire Company will have access to the river.

The Summer Reading Program, "Ready, Set, Read", is underway.

Since our last meeting there were two storytelling sessions. The first about the Land Trust told about the formation of the trust and what it has done and continues to do for the Town. The latest "Summers in Monterey" was not as well attended as some of the prior sessions. However, John "Pip" Camp member of a long-time summer resident family and life guard in his younger days was in attendance and brought with him many memories.

Our Fire Alarm produced a number of false alarms and then started going off intermittently. Alarms of the Berkshires, our alarm provider, found that the panel was faulty. Because we are a commercial account and the system has been regularly maintained we were able to replace the panel without having to upgrade the whole system. A new code compliant panel was found and has been installed at a cost of about \$1,300. However [there is always a however], there was a problem with the fact that we only have one phone line. So, for an additional \$300 we will switch to a fiber connection for the alarm. We are now back to a safe fire alarm system. As these were unplanned emergency expenses this does bring us over budget.

Mark is working with Paul, who now understands that Mark is very aware of our budget and what, when and where we are spending the budgeted funds. To help offset the overage due to the alarm system emergency hopefully we will be able to use moneys from the Abercrombie funds for book purchases. Kenn thinks the Town attorney has approved usage of the fund.

Dean ^{Huston} ~~Huston~~, of Monterey T-Shirts, dropped off some catalogs so that we could decide what type of book bags to have made for the book sale.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Lisa reminded us that we needed to elect officers for this new year. Mickey felt that Lisa has been doing an excellent job leading us through an era that is becoming more and more complex and nominated her

for re-election. Kenn seconded the nomination. Lisa then suggested that Mickey continue her work as secretary and nominated her, with Kenn seconding. Both were unanimously re-elected.

Lisa then presented Mark's contract for FY17 to the Trustees, explaining that the only changes were to dates and pay rate. The Trustees all signed the new contract.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: MaryPaul gave us the good news/bad news that she has accepted a teaching position in Georgia for the coming year and will be leaving before the end of July. She does plan to continue her work on the Friends Art Gallery committee, but needs the Trustees to know that she will be out of the area until next May. John explained that he had a similar situation when he was on Sabbatical and was able to continue his work as a Trustee, and that was before modern technology. Kenn mentioned that the Planning Board had a similar situation when Maggie Leonard, chairman of the board, needed to be out of town due to a family situation. The Planning Board established a co-chairman setup and all ran smoothly. After discussion and comments from around the table it was agreed that MaryPaul was an important member of the board and we would try to work with her while she was away.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm by motion made by Lisa and seconded by Kenn.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 12, 2016 - 7pm
Agenda - Review financials and attendance for year ending June 30th.
Book sale receipts
Cultural Council Grants
Building program up-date

Submitted by: Mickey Jervas, Secretary