

Notes for Amesbury Library Trustees meeting on July 20, 2011

Attending: Dunford, Kimball, Merrill, Oxtan, Pressley, Sheridan, Ward and Ditullio

1. Call to order at 7:01 pm.

2. Minutes from June approved. Motion...Dunford. Seconded...Merrill. Unanimously accepted.

3. Budget Report: 99.66% of available funds spent up to the end of the last fiscal year which ended on June 30, 2011.

Question from Dunford about the low numbers for "Dues and Subscriptions" answered by DiTullio last minute purchases made when possible in three day window, complicated by the activities of the block party.

Follow-up question from last meeting. Ward asked about Friends Membership Drive. DiTullio had no specific data, but believes that the Friends were generally very happy with the public's response.

4. Communications. Most but not all of the board members received the "State of the State memo random regarding library funding.

5. Director's Report.

Part-time workers filling in for Erin in her maternity leave absence.

450 people in library on Monday July 7th.

Summer reading numbers are way up this summer (mid 500's)

Awarded the LSTA Grant! Hoping to concentrate on a local history theme.

Evergreen still has some kinks. Still improving and shaping the system

Block Party a big success.

Year-end reports filed to Town Hall and MBLC.

Volumes of donations to bookshop high.

Periodic special sale events in future considered by Friends.

Output measures way up in programs and circulation

DiTullio: "People want more of everything in all formats"

Freegal renewed due to its success.

6. Committee reports:

Policy Review Committee - Due to adjustments around Evergreens' adoption committee activities have been on hold.

7. Unfinished Business: Ditullio: Library Budget approved by Town Hall as submitted. Notable additions include money for both the new phone line and additional position, and the additional money for materials budget in place of using State Aid award.

8. 2012 Calendar.

Ditullio: better to set calendar now to avoid MVLC and Union/scheduling issues

December 24, 2012 Town Hall will be closed.

Trustees agree that Library should be closed as well on that day.
Dunford Motions to the above as well as at 10:00 am – 5:00 pm schedule for
December 31, 2012.

Seconded by Kimball and unanimously accepted.

Dunford motions to accept the 2012 calendar as amended above with the addition
of the earlier summer Saturday closing schedule moved back the Saturday just
before the Memorial Day weekend.

Seconded by Kimball and unanimously accepted by all.

9. A. Long-range plan in the groove with FY 2012 Goals

B. Local History: Long-range Preservation Plan

Dunford motions to accept plan as drafted.

Seconded by Merrill and unanimously accepted by all

10, Motion to close the meeting by Dunford. Seconded by Oxtan and unanimously
accepted by all.