

BELMONT MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS  
March 29, 2012

Chair Matt Lowrie called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Present were Trustees Elaine Alligood, Mark Carthy, Mary Keenan, Sarah Phillips, Matt Sullivan, and Director Maureen Connors.

The minutes for the February 21, 2012, meeting were accepted unanimously on a motion by Trustee Carthy, seconded by Trustee Phillips.

**Old Business:**

FY13 Budget – Director Connors reported on the meeting with the Board of Selectmen and Interim Administrator Kelly Hebert which she and Trustee Keenan attended on March 15 to explain the requests for additional funding.

Belmont Library Foundation (BLF) – Director Connors told the trustees of individuals who have expressed interest in the library and the BLF. Scott and Marcie have set up times to meet with them.

There was discussion about hiring of the fund-raiser; more than one person should be interviewed. Trustees Alligood, Phillips, and Sullivan will be on the interview sub-committee.

*Action item: Director Connors will inform the BLF of this interview/meeting.*

The fund-raiser will report to the BLF which will be in contact with the library trustees.

Field update: The girls JV softball team may use the Hittinger Field. This raises an issue with the library's plan to create a field there.

*Action item: Director Connors will collect information on the scheduling of this field, the required size for a field, the needed parking, etc. Jim Davis of the School Department and Ernie Dagnelli of the Recreation Department have this information.*

Chair Lowrie summed up the three options: 1. Use the present field on the north side of Concord Avenue for the library. 2. Develop a field at the incinerator site; this would involve busing. 3. Develop the Hittinger Field site. A lighted field should be replaced with a lighted field. Closure on option #3 is needed.

**New Business:**

Town Meeting: A proclamation honoring Edward Dressler's twenty-four years of service as trustee will be read at Town Meeting by Trustee Keenan if Town Moderator Widmer approves. Director Connors reported on the generous donations in Mr. Dressler's memory to the Dressler Fund (biographies). Town Meeting dates are April 23, 25, 26, and May 14 and 16. Former Trustee Heli Tomford has sent a donation in memory of Ken Fish in the Trustees' name. Children's books will be purchased from a trust fund to honor him.

*Action item: Director Connors will send thanks to Heli.*

The Friends of the Belmont Library are holding an event, "Library After Hours" on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. The Friends have worked long and hard on this and deserve our appreciation.

**Ideas:** April Library Workers' Day is April 10. A pizza lunch will be provided by the trustees with needed funds from the trustees' Sunshine Fund.

**Director's Report:** Circulation is up, with the Children's Room especially busy.

*Action item: Figures for February will be rechecked.*

Trustee Sarah Phillips explained that the Friends of the Belmont Library now have a Facebook page, connected to the Friends page. Be sure to check it out and "friend" them.

**Next meeting : Thursday April 19 at 7:30 p.m.**

Trustee Carthy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. With a second by Trustee Sullivan, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Mary E. Keenan, secretary

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Belmont Public Library Activity Report for the month of February 2012