

Mary L. Blood Library Trustees' Meeting  
DECEMBER 15, 2016

Present: Trustees Tom Kenyon, Richard Beatty, John Cocke, Edson Pierce, and retiring librarian of the Mary L. Blood Library Jennifer Rathburn Tobias and new librarian Mary Jane Wentworth. Chris Wagner was absent. She had forwarded her report Tom.

Meeting commenced at 4:08 pm.

Minutes of November 17, 2016 were considered and accepted.

Librarian's Report; December, 2016:

Mary Jane has been coming in regularly to become more familiar with the operations of this library.

I have nearly completed the Annual Statistics Survey but am stuck on a couple of questions which I needed Tony's help with last year, regarding operating expense percentage. The survey isn't due until early January so I will persevere.

Connie Moser has offered to lead a book discussion group beginning in the spring. She is about to retire and expects to have more time for such a venture.

I received a call from a representative of Noble Industries who is selling a product called Hypermelt, which he claims will melt ice on walkways but doesn't track in any residue. The cost is \$3.99 per pound with an introductory rate of \$2.39 which we would need to buy 200 lbs. or 4 five gallon buckets.

The Albert Bridge 4<sup>th</sup> grade class came to visit this morning. We discussed the antique artifacts and they asked many questions. Several checked out books to read.

I'd like to put our window lights in place but need 20(?) D batteries (reminder to Tom).

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Tobias

Old Business:

(1) Tom noted new furnace which the town paid for will arrive around December 28.

(2) Rest Room project is now set to be commenced after January 1.

(3) Chris was not present but sent word that the fundraising letter is nearly complete and mailings will go out soon. She also is in the process of finding sources of grants for the library.

(4) John asked about the physical size of the needed magazine rack and maybe we could have one built locally.

(5) Tom noted the battery-powered lights in the windows will go up soon. Tom has been getting D-cells for \$1 for a package of two in Windsor.

New Business:

(1) Board to reviewed related article for Town Meeting warning. It was suggested we reduce our asking by 5%, from \$16,000 down to \$15,200. Board agreed and all signed the request for \$15,200.

(2) It was suggested to see if we could find donors for magazines and papers that we would like in the library available to the public.

(3) Tom noted we have \$306.99 and \$12,715.49 in the Money Market. In 2015 the fundraiser brought in \$9,577.

(4) Next meeting is at 4 pm at MLB Library on Thursday, January 18th, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03.

Tom Kenyon,  
Secretary