

Mary L. Blood Library Trustees' Meeting  
October 16, 2014

Present: Trustees: Tom Kenyon, Edson Pierce, Jennifer Rathburn (Librarian of the Mary L. Blood Library).

Meeting convened at 4:00 PM.

\*\*\*\*\*Minutes of September 18, 2014, were considered and accepted.

Librarian Jennifer Rathburn presented her October, 2014 report.

Is attached to this file MLB 10-16-14.

It was decided to check with Tony over the next several months as to the standing of resolving the overdue books problem. Tom is to note in the West Windsor news the overdue book situation. It is in the hundred's of dollars in the used-book (Google) value of these overdue (unreturned) books.

OLD BUSINESS:

(a) Tom noted we have \$6000 remaining in the library account, which has to last until after town meeting and we have wages and utilities to pay in the five months. We will check again at the end of December to see if we should purchase some more books.

(b) Tom to meet soon with Dave Silvester to get an estimate for the new restroom. We will put in a special article on the March 2015 Town Meeting Warning.

(c) The bad light bulb will be replaced by Tom along with fixing the bad window sash cord.

(d) Edson will do the bulkhead project in the spring.

(e) Slate roof checked and repaired at no cost. Project was guaranteed for five years. Two slates replaced, which were weak and slightly cracked.

NEW BUSINESS:

(a) At the November meeting we will discuss funding the new restroom, the annual budget, preparing the report for the town's annual report.

(b) Annual Cady Day 2015?

Meeting adjourned at 4:41 PM.

The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on the third Thursday, November 20, at 4 pm.

Tom Kenyon, Secretary

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Librarian's Report for October, 16, 2014

We have had several visitors during the past couple of weeks; Chris Sykes' grand-daughter and her two children, as well as a couple from California and another gentleman from Texas. Interesting to chat with them and answer their questions regarding local history. One person bought a book for a dollar which I've put in petty cash.

The roofers were back to work on the Town Hall, getting slate pieces out of our basement. They commented on the outstanding paint job that Edson has done.

Nancy Dutilles(?) from the Proctor Library in Ascutney stopped in to look at our library. She was impressed with how spacious it feels here(although both buildings are identical in size). They have more patron usage and are open 24 hours per week. In the spring, she'd like to arrange a tour of both libraries as well as the Windsor Library, as they were all funded by Benjamin Blood.

I need to update our hours of operation on our e-mail site.

I've begun an attempt to get over-due books back to the library. I sent out a few postcards—got one book back and one slightly irate father whose daughter never took out the book in question. Another dad left a phone message saying they've looked the whole house over and can't find any of them. He offered to make a donation to pay for them. I will look on-line for used books and charge accordingly (plus shipping costs). Some missing items are audio-books. What amount of the budget is available for book purchase?

One light bulb out in the foyer.

Respectfully submitted,

