



Lunenburg Public Library

Trustees of Lunenburg Public Library, Meeting Minutes July 19, 2024

Attending: Harry Kubetz, Dick Mailloux, Jana-Lee Balish, Laura Boussom, Donna Saiia, Maia Wentrup (remote), Muir Haman - Director LPL

The LPLBT meeting was called to order at 5:07pm by Chair Harry Kubetz.

Public Comment

- Harry spoke about Bob Conroy, his contributions to the library, and how he will be missed.

Agenda Items

- **Discussion of Main Street Bank opportunities associated with the Teen Room project**

Muir updated us on his interactions with representatives from Main Street Bank. In June, Harry introduced Muir to Ellen Dorian, President and COO. Muir and Ellen discussed ways the bank and library could work together and support each other. Ellen agreed that MSB would support a free summer lunch program at the library. She had connections with Employment Options, a vocational rehabilitation non-profit, who would supply the meals that MSB would pay for.

On July 18, representatives from MSB visited the library at lunch time to see how the program was going. Fifty-five meals were served that day to library patrons. There were other programs and activities happening while they were there, so they were able to see how busy the library can be and the positive impact their donation was making. Muir spoke with the MSB marketing team to discuss ways we can recognize them for their donations.

Ellen also agreed to support the Teen Room renovation with a donation and asked for ideas about how they could help. The trustees and library staff suggested a donation could help pay for the following:

- Add to the fund for the general construction project
- Furniture for the Teen Room
- Items to add to the library's collection
- Library of Things collection development
- Computers or other technology
- Financial education programs for teens or adults
- Mentoring or tutoring for teens or adults
- EV charging station project
- Study pods/study nook (since the quiet study rooms will be removed in order to complete the renovation)
- Sun shade for the patio
- Support free summer lunch program in the future
- Bookmobile
- Backup generator
- Teen Room snack fund
- School supplies, travel size deodorant, feminine products (for Teen Room)
- Carts for continuous book sales
- Media/digitization area set up

Harry asked Muir to make a list of requests to present to MSB, and to include suggestions as to how we would acknowledge their contribution. Since we don't know how much MSB is willing to donate, Muir should have different tiers of donations for them to consider. Donna volunteered to research how large a donation a bank in our area generally makes.

The Select Board notified town departments and boards that they have \$313k in ARPA funds that they still need to allocate. Requests need to be submitted to them by 7/31/24. The Trustees agreed that Muir should submit the list of items discussed this evening to the Select Board to see if any ARPA funds could be allocated, and then submit any remaining items to MSB. Concerns about the progress of the planning stage of the Teen Room renovation were expressed by a few of the Trustees. We still do not have an estimate of what the renovation will cost. Chris Ruth is

currently on parental leave and is not available to help. Harry said he will talk to Michael-Ray Jeffreys again about the lack of an estimate, hoping that Michael-Ray will contact the architect.

- **Board Comment**

Harry offered to speak to Robin Venezia about joining the LPL Board of Trustees. Everyone agreed that he should do that.

- **Adjourn**

Dick made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Donna. Meeting adjourned at 6:27pm.