Meeting of Orange, MA Library Trustees and Building Committee

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Moore-Leland Library

Building Meeting called to order at 6:10.

Present: Jessica Magelaner, Sandy Johnson, Nate Johnson, Candy Cross, Joanne Woodcock, Maria Bull, Pamela Moore Gobiele.

Public: Denise Andrews.

Denise came in support of library’s efforts to work together with town. Gave props to Jess. Questions on new building proposal re: location and space needed. Offered some fundraising ideas. Asked about status on Moore-Leland. Jess explained that it’s funded by a trust. Denise has concerns about maintaining two buildings for library in one town.

Approval of minutes from August 22: Approved with correction of a typo.

Established bookmark schedule through August 2020.

Discussed wording of a new annual appeal letter. Made additions and changes.

Jess will edit and bring to next month’s meeting for review and final approval.

November 7 is special town meeting at 7:00 at Town Hall. We will discuss need for strategies at our October meeting.

Jess said we have to wait to see what town does for holiday closings, before we know what we can do for the library and employees.

At 7:25 adjourned the building committee meeting.

Trustee Meeting

Financial report: Minimal spending so far this year. No surprises.

Jess is looking for new computers for the computer room. (Got new computers for the children’s room last fiscal year.) George comes to library every other week to do computer updates, Linux. Platform. Jess is hoping to transition to Windows with next set of new computers.

Director’s Report: Circulation has gone way up August 2018 to 2019. Automatic renewal may be helping circulation.

Everything except circulation has gone up at Moore-Leland.

“Read to Emmy” is ending on October 1. Declining interest.

October 7 is next Friends meeting at 7:00 pm.

October 4 is last day for submissions/post mark, for poetry entries for Robert Colleen Poetry Contest.”

Moore-Leland: Justin Fellow will start roof replacement early October.

Jess is working on getting the oil tank removed before winter.

Spanky’s will give a quote next week on tree removal.

Either phone or electric wires compromise one dead tree.

Jess will take a photo and send for advice.

May be able to get utility assistance for removal

Next meeting is October 24th

November’s meeting is 21st

December meeting is the 19th

All meetings will be at Moore-Leland.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48.