

New Marlborough Library Trustees Meeting  
January 25, 2022

Deb called the meeting to order at 9:00 with Sally, Carrie and Robin in attendance. The minutes were approved.

Sally is trying to deal with Berkshire Bank regarding the trust accounts. The person she was dealing with has been replaced, so she will start all over again. Janice and Deb are working with the accountant in order to file taxes on the Friends/Priddle trust account.

Carrie has still not received her Trustee's stipend. Deb will request the paperwork again.

The New Marlborough Cultural Council has granted the Library \$698 for the purchase of three ukuleles from the Magic Fluke Company in Sheffield MA. We will receive two Fleas and a Fluke, each with the library's name lasered on it, protective bags for them and basic song books, all of which can be checked out of the Library.

In reaction to the break-in at Ormsbee's Garage, Deb would like to get outside cameras in addition to our present indoor motion detectors.

Autumn, Deb's aide, was out for a week with Covid. Paperwork will be submitted for reimbursement for her salary.

Deb submitted Capital Planning paperwork to the Capital Planning Committee.

We then had a long discussion of the budget. The Library must spend 20% of its town appropriate budget on books to remain certified. We discussed ways to trim the budget but concluded that it was almost impossible to come up with the budget within the framework of the state and Library Commissioners' rules when we don't know what the salaries will be. Deb will ask Mari if she has any inkling as to what they might be. We will miss the deadline for submitting the budget, but we are working on it.