

New Marlborough Library Trustees Meeting

March 15, 2022

9:00 AM

Present: Deb O'Brien, Sally Turner, Carrie Liba, Robin Tost

Salaries have been set at a 4.5% raise. As Deb is a full-time employee, this is cut and dried, but the aides work by the hour. Deb will figure out the number of hours, add 4.5%, submit the number and distribute to the aides, based on their work hours. The budget has been duly submitted.

The Easter drive-by will be held on April 16 from 11:00-1:00.

A program of Chair Yoga has been proposed.

The Library has received 3 handsome ukuleles from the Cultural Council grant, and they have started going out to the public.

Lee Audio visited the Library to assess the installation of motion-sensitive cameras. We are still waiting for their estimate.

It was decided that summer reading programs would start on the Monday after July 4, from 9:00-2:00. They will be offered to older children as there has been a problem with parents dropping off the younger ones and disappearing. There may be a program for younger children, but the parents must be in attendance. Summer reading is not a baby-sitting service.

The Berkshire Children's Chorus would like to partner with the Library in a Story Walk with musicians and singing along the walk. They see it as a good way to attract more participants and reach the public.

The Friends' projects are proceeding. Kevin O'Brien will build the snow fence. It will require \$2000 worth of materials and \$25 an hour for his labor. The Blessings Box will require \$375 for materials with no charge for labor.

Deb is working with the Meeting House and the Literary Committee to provide literary programs at the Meeting House. In connection with a new book, Essex Farms will do a talk on sustainable farming. Of the \$2000 fee, the Library will be responsible for \$1000. Deb would like to add a children's book program. Thanks to Tracy Mack of Scholastic Books, we could present Ross Burach, a notable creator of picture books, for the cost of an Air B and B.

Billy Kennedy's fence is falling down onto the Library's property. The town will notify Mr. Kennedy that it must be removed.

It appears that Burritt Day will go on this year. Donated books will have to be brought to the Green the day before the event.

We will request the Friends to authorize the purchase of a new Bunny costume. The one we've been using may not be available.

The next meeting will be held on April 12 at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Tost