

New Marlborough Town Library Trustees Meeting
October 12, 2023
5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order with Deb O'Brien, Library Director, Carrie Liba, Chairperson, and Robin Tost, Trustee, present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

As the openings for the September and October art shows were not well attended, we decided to postpone the upcoming opening until a week later when the announcement of the event in the 5 Village News will have been published. November's artist will be Jody Camarra.

In spite of early rain, the book and bake sales were very successful and raised over \$1100.00. Everyone enjoyed browsing, filling bags with books, eating, getting their faces painted and taking Tom Brady's hayrides around the village. Many thanks to all the people who helped to make it a fine day!

This morning, Deb received the bad news that our scheduled food truck for the Halloween party has been cancelled. It will tentatively be replaced by the truck from Fat Frog in Pittsfield.

The author's talk with Brian Selznick may not be possible. Mr. Selznick has a scheduled talk at the NY Botanical Garden on November 4 which is "the last on his book tour". His representative, Tracy Mack, has not returned Deb's messages, so it may not be possible to do this now. We hope for a future opportunity to hear Mr. Selznick's presentation as we believe it would be very popular.

The One Community One Book program (maybe co-presented by the Cultural Council) has plans to read "Summer" by Edith Wharton, followed by a visit to The Mount, Mrs. Wharton's home and gardens, with a special chance to visit her library with an expert. Robin spoke to Anne Schuyler, the Director of Visitor Services, to ascertain possibilities for a spring visit.

For the 1/2 day program on October 27, Erika Crofut will help the group make Halloween decorations which will be featured at the Halloween party at the Goodnow Preserve.

The Library's pre-Thanksgiving pie sale will be held on November 18. There will be no pre-orders this year.

Deb will request checks from the Friends of the Library for Erika Crofut and for the very popular storyteller at the Halloween party.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10. The next meeting will be held on November 14 at 4 PM.
Respectfully submitted,

Robin Tost