

Goodnow Library Board of Trustees

Minutes

Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Historical Room, Goodnow Library, 21 Concord Road

Attendance: Alan Gordon (v. ch.), Lily Gordon, Esmé Green (sec), Susan Johnson, Ingrid Mayyasi, Barbara Pryor, Marie Royea (ch.)

Guests: Holly Bernene, GLF President, Samantha Greenfield, GLF Development Director.

Absent: none

Call to order and vote to approve minutes of the February 7, 2019: Marie called the meeting to order at 6:40, and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Susan made a motion to approved the minutes; seconded by Barbara. So voted.

Vote to change order of agenda items: Alan made a motion to take the Friends item from the Trustees report first. Seconded by Susan. So voted. Barbara, being a GLF board member, recused herself from the discussion and left the room.

Holly and Samantha expressed concerns that the Friends of the Library negatively affect donor relations for the Foundation (GLF). The GLF feels this is a problem and interferes with its efforts to raise money. Can the trustees do anything about this?

The trustees discussed this and decided that Esmé should seek town counsel's legal opinion, and that the Friends by-laws would be examined. Then the trustees would address the situation with the Friends.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Barbara returned to the meeting.

Director's Report:

Financial Report: the financial report indicates normal spending levels.

2018 Annual Report: Esmé presented the revised and updated report. Alan made a motion to accept; it was seconded by Susan. So voted.

Decertified Library, Millville, MA: Esmé distributed the [policy](#) and alerted the board that Millville was decertified by the MA Board of Library Commissioners. Goodnow will not loan to residents of that town until they earn back their certification.

Trustee Report

Director's annual review—finalize & submit to Town Manager's office: the trustees asked Esmé to leave while they discussed her review. They reviewed her report and felt she should elaborate on the work she did for the Second Floor renovation, and she should also include the fact that she opened the library during the winter storms and extended hours for Teen Study Week, as they point to her commitment to community needs, and the value of the library. Regarding goals, they would like her to add the renovation of

the Historical Room. The trustees acknowledge Esmé's continuing ability to attract quality personnel. They feel that they are fortunate to have her and want her review on record.

Friends—see above

Foundation Report:

The planning for mini-golf continues. Reminder, the event is being held over two days: Saturday, April 27 will be an evening event, and Sunday, April 28 will be a day-time, family-friendly event. Currently, the GLF is working on getting sponsors for the 18 holes of the indoor course.

The Lois Lowry event will be held at the Noyes School on April 6.

Old/New business:

Meeting room policy revision:

Any other items not known 48 hours in advance of the meeting: none.

Adjournment: Alan made a motion to adjourn at 8:11.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 2, 2019