

**Goodnow Library Board of Trustees  
Minutes  
Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 6:30 p.m.  
Historical Room, Goodnow Library, 21 Concord Road**

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

**Absent:** none

**Call to order and vote to approve minutes of the September 3, 2019:** Alan called the meeting to order at 6:34pm, and asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Several minor typos were noted and corrected. Whitlock/Mayyasi motioned and seconded minutes as corrected. So voted.

**Director's Report:**

Financial Report: nothing unusual to report. Spending level are appropriate for the time of year.

Personnel report: Our new Teen Librarian, Lily Nicolazzo started on October 1. She will be contributing to programming in the NOW Lab and working on building attendance for Teen Programming, focusing on outreach and building relationships.

NOW Lab policy changes (food, venting, ages, other?): tabled

News: Community Info Fair, Lynda and Macmillan: Esmé reported on various recent events of interest.

Community Info Fair: held on Saturday, September 21, was a co-hosted with the Sudbury Foundation. Was the first event of its kind, bringing together nearly 50 local non-profits to share information and recruit volunteers. Over 150 people came. Preparations for holding it annually are underway.

Lynda.com/LinkedIn Learning: Lynda.com is an online resource that offers educational training on hundreds of different topics, and many libraries, including ours have subscriptions for our patrons. Recently, after merging with LinkedIn, the company changed its privacy settings so that every user of Lynda had to also register a profile with LinkedIn. Libraries are concerned this will lead to data mining of personal, identifiable information of library users and has voiced its concerns to the company. After radio silence for several months, and after many libraries canceled their subscriptions—including Goodnow's—the company announced it was putting a hold on the changes. However, since there was no further information about what kind of changes they were considering, or timeline, libraries have maintained their position that Lynda.com/LinkedIn has not made a commitment to protect patron privacy.

Macmillan, one of the "Big 5" publishers announced in July that beginning November 1, it was going to limit libraries (and count library systems, such as Minuteman, as one library) to one copy of its ebooks for the first eight weeks of publications. Libraries across the country, along with state library associations, library networks, have all raised the alarm regarding this serious limitation on our ability to provide ebooks to our patrons. The American Library Association, the MA Library Association and the Minuteman Library Network have all sent the CEO John Sargent strongly worded letters to this effect. An online petition and social media campaign is also underway.

## **Trustee Report:**

Friends: Barbara recused herself, as she is also a member of the Foundation board and wants to avoid a conflict or the appearance of a conflict.

The board discussed the situation where the Friends would not meet to talk about issues between their board, the library, the library trustees and the Goodnow Library Foundation. The board worked on messaging to the Friends, including a list of agreed behavior, renewed efforts to set up a meeting, and other ways to address the breakdown in communication. Alan had emailed with the Friends president and had phone calls with her over the summer. The former town manager tried to set up a meeting twice over the summer but was rebuffed. Let the minutes show that the board is preparing a contingency for divesting and seeking legal advice. Alan and Marie will attend the next Friends meeting.

## **Foundation Report:**

- The GLF is creating an advisory board, and putting together an information packet for new members. Barbara asked the board to send along any names of people who might be interested.
- The GLF has received three grants this year: \$13K for the completion of an Annual Report from Middlesex Savings Bank; \$2,500 to fund the implementation of the Goodnow Develops Internship Program matching high school students with seniors from Main Street Bank, and \$10K grant from the Sudbury Foundation to support an internship program called "Goodnow Develops."

## ***Old Business:***

Policy: Use of Makerspace: will take up at November meeting.

Policy: Use of Meeting Rooms: the only change is that the NOW Lab is included in the list of rooms and included in the fee structure, like the other rooms. Beth made a motion, seconded by Ingrid. So voted.

## ***New business:***

GLF gala date: the foundation asked if they could hold their gala on Saturday, April 4, 2020. This date would coincide with the Friends book sale. The trustees felt strongly that this was not a good idea and did not support this date. Esmé will notify the Foundation and ask them to find another date.

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

**Adjournment:** Marie made a motion to adjourn at 8:18pm.

*Next meeting: Tuesday, November 5, 2019*