

Minutes of the February 10, 2021 Trustees Meeting (virtual)

Present: Karen Herman, John Hess, Mark Yanowitz, Tony Straceski, Marilyn Santagati, Laurence Lamagna, Barbara McNamara, Kim Lynn, Clare Curran Ball, and Carolyn Fantini

Minutes: **The Minutes of the January 13, 2021 meeting were approved as moved by Mark Yanowitz and seconded by Marilyn Santagati.**

Treasurer's Report: **The Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2021**

was accepted as moved by Mark Yanowitz and seconded by John Hess.

Public Comments: None

Director's Report:

- **Building**
The Level 1 Bathrooms Project is nearly completed.
- **Town**
The FY2022 preliminary budget was accepted in the amount of \$2,982,397. Included in this budget is the fact that Library Aides will receive minimum wage.
The Town is looking for volunteers to help with the 375th Anniversary Celebration of the Town of Andover. More information is on the Town's website.
- **Services**
Second Interviews for the Assistant Children's Librarian position will take place tomorrow. Two candidates are remaining.
- **Covid**
On March 1st. the Staff will be divided into 2 groups to limit the Staff's exposure to the virus. The Library will then be open for additional hours during the week but still no Sunday opening.

Assistant Director's Report :

- Clare announced that The Library Book is the chosen book for the Andover Reads Program. There will be discussions, podcasts and other activities related to the book online.

Old Business

- Larry sent a deposit to The Northeast Document and Conservation Center to conserve the recently found antique poster that depicts the formal opening of MHL in 1873.
- Mark Yanowitz spoke about the possibility of MHL adopting a similar platform to the BPL's program *Repairing America* that concerns civil discourse. Barbara will discuss this idea with Stefani Traina to coordinate with existing programing.

New Business

- Karen informed the Board that the Massachusetts Historical Commission made it known to the Andover Preservation Commission that a survey of all the state's historic preservation websites rated Andover's site "high" because of the quantity and quality of its content. Our website, hosted by the library, is heavily used by researchers searching for information on local historic buildings and sites.
- John noted that the AVIS annual meeting will be by ZOOM on March 9th at 7:30pm. Sign-up is online.
- Vicki Murphy is organizing Minutes from many year's past.

Adjournment at 5:00 pm as moved by John Hess and seconded by Mark Yanowitz.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Fantini