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MEETING OF THE MONTEREY LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Held at the Monterey Library
September 9, 2019

PRESENT: Ann Canning, Shannon Castille, John Higgins,
Mickey Jervas and Lisa Smyle
Via Face Time: MaryPaul Yates
Absent: No one
Library Director: Mark Makuc
Guests: Janet Jensen, Brookbend neighbor
Julie Shapiro, Knox Gallery Committee
Wendy Germain, Holiday Makers' Market

Meeting was called to order - 7:04pm.

GUESTS: Janet Jensen, representing homeowners of the Brookbend Condos, came to discuss a joint planting of trees along the Brookbend and library boundary to replace those removed prior to construction for the purpose of re-establishing some lost privacy and shade. It was pointed out that grant money can not be use for landscaping and that this would be in the area of the septic system where nothing can be planted. After further discussion, in answer to Janet's question, the trustees agreed that not only would they not object to Brookbend placing plantings on their property we would not have any right to do so. We thanked her for bringing their concerns to us.

Julie spoke to some needs of the Knox Gallery. They hope to buy a hanger system in order to hang artwork from the purpose built molding over the plaster walls. She will be looking at another artist's system. They need some pedestals for three dimensional work and have spoken with potter Ellen Grenadier who uses foldable pieces that are economical [\$40-75]. Finally they would like a cabinet for storage and display. One in sections on wheels is what they have in mind.

The next show is scheduled to open on October 5th. This will be a group of local artist who work together in the Plein Air style. This will be followed by the holiday show whose opening will coincide with the Makers' Market. The gallery committee is working on the schedule for 2020.

Wendy Germain joined in to discuss having the Holiday Makers' Market return to the library. The market is scheduled for the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend and the

Holiday Art show is scheduled to open on the Friday of Thanksgiving weekend. Various permutations were discussed as to how this could be made to work since no one could conveniently change their date. It was finally agreed that the artists' opening could be held a little earlier and the makers could set up a little later on the Friday. Wendy will go back to the Makers to see if this would work for them.

MINUTES: The minutes of August 5, 2019 were corrected and accepted by motion made by Lisa and seconded by John.

DIRECTOR: The Bubble Man children's program held on August 10th drew just under 100 people. Science Tellers held the following Saturday had a smaller crowd, but that was also the day of our Grand opening celebration. Storyteller Kathy Jo Maichack will be joining us for our Halloween program. Mark will reach out to the Park Commission who usually support this program.

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners have asked to hold their May 2020 meeting, which will run from 10-12:30 on the 7th at our library.

September is traditionally when Mark presents his financial report for the previous year. He had all his numbers ready but discovered that Baystate Accounting was working with different starting figures. Hopefully this will be rectified quickly.

Mark reminded us that he wanted to purchase a bike rack and a coat rack, both costing only a few hundred dollars each, to help increase the user-friendly atmosphere of the library.

A number of patrons have been asking if the holiday tree would be returning to the library front lawn. John made a motion that the trustees approve the replanting of the evergreen tree on the front lawn. Shannon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Building construction:

1. The heat return duct in the multi-purpose room is rather noisy. We are trying to find out why and hope to correct it.
2. Mark has consulted with a several people in the field about the undulating deck. Most feel that the

current standards for pressure treated wood are a contributing factor.

3. The deck railing was hit and damaged when a portion of one of the ash trees along the river bank crashed on August 9th. We are waiting for cost figures from Allegrone to complete our insurance claim.
4. Mark plans to attend the next Conservation Commission meeting to ask about installing a split rail fence along the river boundary in lieu of monuments. He will also discuss having the trees, mostly ash, behind our fence removed. This would have to be on the Town Meeting Warrant.

CHAIR'S REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm by motion made by Lisa and seconded by John

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 7, 2019 7pm
Agenda - Building progress
Review financials and attendance for FY19

Submitted by: Mickey Jervas, Secretary