Western Massachusetts Library Advocates

September 20, 2018

M.N. Spear Memorial Library – Shutesbury

Minutes - draft

Members present: Katherine Hand, Dan Paquette, Mike Moran, Jan Resnick, Mark Kronholm, Eliza Langhans, Betty Johnson, Deb Kern, Lynn Coakley, Joe Rodio, and Mary Anne Antonellis.

Members absent:

Guest: Steve Spohn MLS, MLA

Minutes tabled until next meeting

Treasurer’s report

July 25th balance: $8,159

Membership deposit: $50, Expense, printing: $47.55

Today’s balance: $8,162.12

Deb will complete tax forms and prepare a report for the October meeting.

Steve Spohn, Guest

Steve visited WMLA on behalf of the MLA legislative committee. They would like someone from Western Mass to serve on the committee. State funding for libraries saw a positive increase for FY19. MLA hopes to organize a gratitude campaign directed at the Governor and legislators. MLA will reach out to library directors and give them talking points for letters to the Governor and legislators. MLA will encourage regional meet ups for letter writing.

The MLA legislative committee meets 9 or 10 times a year on Fridays, usually in Eastern Mass.

There will be many changes to the make-up of the Western Massachusetts delegation to the State House.

Annual Meeting Planning

Date: 10/18 at GCC

Lynn will create agenda, Mary Anne will supply minutes from last year, Betty will invite new member nominees, Toni Foisy-Golinsky and Andrea Bernard. Katherine will update the membership form for the meeting. Betty’s term is expiring. We are replacing Damon who has already resigned.

President: Katheirne

Past President: Lynn

Treasurer: Deb

Clerk: Mary Anne

Joe nominated Nora for Vice President.

Katherine will bring a poster board to create a thank you poster for the Governor that attendees of the meeting can sign.

Meeting adjourned 11:25 am.