

Harvard Public Library Trustees Meeting
Monday, March 3, 2014
Minutes

Present: Gail Coolidge, Chris Frechette, Davida Bagatelle, Marty Green. Library Director: Mary Wilson; Selectman Stu Sklar

Seedbank: Jennifer Sundeen and Rochelle Greayer from the Farmers' Market reported on the possibility of having the library host a seedbank, as many libraries across the country are doing. They cited the Richmond, Cal., library as a leader. The seedbank would be self-service, run on the honor system. The trustees emphasized that library staff should not have responsibilities for this project. The consensus was to approve a two-year pilot project, with a signed agreement. Davida will write up guidelines. And Chris will check the MIT furniture exchange for a possible card catalog or similar item for their use.

Director's report: The project "A blind date with a book" has been very popular. The library will hold another digital day this month. The annual LEGO Expo is coming up, with 40-50 kids; but not enough people have volunteered as judges.

Meeting room policy: A resident has requested the use of the library for a memorial gathering. The board discussed asking for a suggested donation for private use of Volunteers Hall. The board voted 4-1 in favor.

Book Fund: Donations continue to come in, allowing us to remain open on Fridays. The total to date is \$8345.

Website and electronic newsletter: If the library began a newsletter using Constant Contact, it would be sent to those who subscribe. Concord's newsletter is an example. Chris and Charles will meet to consider this project.