**Bancroft Memorial Library**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

June 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 p.m. Present were Trustees Katherine Wright, Nancy Verdolino and (Chairman) Frederick G. Oldfield III, and Director Robyn York.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

No members of the general public were present at the meeting.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes from the May 20, 2019 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

* The Director handed out the current financial report. The budget reflects that the spending is on target.
* The Director reported that Louise Freedman’s statement on the condition of the Statue of Hope post-cleaning indicates that the “sacrificial mortar” has cracked and needs to be replaced. Generally this type of mortar last degrades slowly, lasting approximately 7 years, but the damage has accelerated and she proposes that the replacement be done this year, and anticipates the cost will be close to $8,000 to repair the current damage. Ms. Freedman provided a report prepared by her late husband Meyer with recommendations on the future use of the fountain. Any work on the statue requires references on historical work, insurance, and bonding and MA Historical Restrictions.
* The Director reported that her calls to an historical restoration contractor regarding repairs to the front door have not been returned.
* She also reported on minor plumbing repairs.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* Dialog continues concerning the transfer of Dan Malloy’s website hopedale1842.com to the Library’s ownership

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* The Director reported that the Library will be offering a free trial of Bookflix, a Scholastic product, throughout the summer, looking toward purchasing the product if useful.
* She also reported that the new technology of “cloud-based” technology is being evaluated with regard to the Library’s computer system.

The next regular monthly Trustees’ meeting is set for Monday, July 15, 2019 at 6:45 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine M. Wright, Secretary Every time we turn our heads the other way when we see the law flouted, when we tolerate what we know to be wrong, when we close our eyes and ears to the corrupt because we are too busy or too frightened, when we fail to speak up and speak out, we strike a blow against freedom, decency and justice. – Robert F. Kennedy