

**Bedford Free Public Library**  
**Library Trustees Minutes for Tuesday, May 8, 2018**  
**7:00pm • Reference Room**

The Trustees reviewed and signed bills. Vice-Chair Elizabeth Hacala called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**Present**

Trustees: Elizabeth Hacala, Vice Chair, Rachel Field, Robin Grace Silbert (left at 7:45), Abby Hafer, Michael Pulizzi, Dennis Ahern. Absent: Emily Mitchell.

Administration: Richard Callaghan, Library Director; Noreen O’Gara, Assistant Director.  
Guests: Dot Bergin, *The Bedford Citizen*

The Chair asked if there were any public comments. None were forthcoming.

**Secretary’s Report**

Mike moved the minutes, with a correction of “Ahearn” to “Ahern”, and Abby seconded. The minutes passed unanimously.

**Director’s Report**

The Trustees reviewed the Director’s written report. In addition to the written report, the Trustees discussed:

- Sunday closings for the summer begin on May 13th. Sundays hours will resume after Labor Day.
- The successful Friends of the Library book sale in April.

The report was moved by Rachel, seconded by Abby and approved unanimously.

**Unfinished Business**

- The auction sale of the Bowie knife at Skinner’s went very well. The final or hammer price was \$95,000. The proceeds that the library will receive will include a 10% commission for the auction house. The top bidder paid \$116,000 due to a buyer’s premium. The knife was the top item in the auction. The Davy Crockett/Henry Clay provenance added much to the value. There were a number of bidders which contributed to the high price. After the auction Richard received a call from the Henry Clay Museum in Lexington, Kentucky who requested copies of the letters that accompanied the knife. They were unknown to the museum until they heard about the auction. Richard sent electronic copies of the letters. There was some discussion of how the funds should be used. Should the funds go to the Library or to the Corporation accounts?

**New Business**

- Richard reported on the progress of the staff committee working with Stirling to design a logo for the library. The logo project was part of the website project completed last year.

- The internet policy was reviewed and several revisions proposed. The Board will vote on a revised policy at the June meeting.

### **Other Business**

- Holiday closings were approved. Moved by Abby, Mike seconded.
- Trustee contact information was updated
- Mount Ida's collection is no longer accessible to MLN members as of May 18th due to the closing of the college. Collections are to be transferred to the University of Massachusetts.

### **Adjournment**

Abby made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Rachel seconded; it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

*Meeting minutes are respectfully submitted by Dennis J. Ahern, secretary.*

*Documents distributed during the meeting: Agenda; Director's Report, Statement of Expenditures for May 2018; the monthly Statistical Report for May 2018*