

**Brooks Memorial Library — Fine Arts Committee Meeting  
February 1, 2018**

**Present** Judith Bellamy, Connie Bresnahan, Howard Burrows, Christine deVallet. **Staff:** Starr LaTronica.  
**Absent:** Prudence Baird, Alex Stinson.

**Call to order** Howard called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

**Changes to agenda** None

**Public comment** None

**Minutes of December 7, 2017, meeting.** No corrections or additions.

**FA Collection** *Prioritize items for public display.* John Clements of Zephyr Designs will arrive at 10 a.m. (after end of meeting) to consult with the FA committee on what pieces to move to which locations and how to install them.

*James Fisk bas relief bust.* Judith was unsuccessful in contacting by phone the owner, Licia Kuhn of San Francisco, or her daughter, Felicia Kuhn, who lived locally. The committee would like to obtain Mrs. Kuhn's consent to transfer the long-term loan of the bas relief to the Brattleboro Historical Society, as the recent remodeling in the library considerably reduced the wall space available for displaying large artworks. Starr suggested sending a registered letter to Mrs. Kuhn's last known address, expressing the committee's request.

*Stephen Day Press books.* The library has accepted a collection of books from the Stephen Day family which had been housed at the Historical Society. The books will be on display in a locking glass-fronted bookcase in the Local History Room once the bookcase's lock and key is restored or replaced.

**Exhibits** *Children's Illustrators.* • Drawings that Anna Dewdney had done while giving a program at the library are on display in the children's cases in February to complement the *llama llama* celebration on the 10th. • March is Student Art Month; Connie will confirm with Marie Procter whether the local elementary schools will exhibit at the library this year as usual.

**Public Art.** Starr described the paintings and sculptures of recent Marlboro College graduate Grigoriy Molchanov, whose work will be on display until the end of February.

**Anna Dewdney event** Connie commended Prudence for a fantastic job of organizing the event. She said everything was set, with crafts in the Teen Room, storytime in the Children's Room, and breakfast in the Meeting Room. Connie also suggested that future events be proposed directly to the staff who will be most affected, before any decisions are made or action is taken, so they may collaborate from the very beginning of the project.

**FA community opportunities/programming partners** Howard said that Prudence had emailed him about an exhibit of altered books the Words Project is considering as a fundraiser. He thinks the FA committee should be involved.

**Review of FA policies and forms** Howard said the trustees are reviewing and updating the library's Bylaws, and the FA committee should update the FA policies in conjunction with the board's review and with the new strategic plan. There was some confusion about the distinction between the Bylaws and the policies; Howard did not understand the existing system used to number the library's policies, but said he would find out and report to the committee.

**Other** Howard said that a discussion of the FA budget should be added to the meeting agenda as a regular item.

**NEXT MEETING** Thursday, March 1, 2018, at 9 a.m.

**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:50 a.m. to prepare for the consultation with John Clements.

*Notes by Judith Bellamy*