

5/23/22 – Library Trustee Special Meeting – Meetinghouse Readings

Present: Susan Nero, Angie Robinson, Amy Thurber

Via Zoom: Bill Craig

Bill Craig organized and led the Meetinghouse Readings for 25 years. He is a Lecturer in the Dartmouth Dept of English Creative Writing program. He will take over leadership of the Meetinghouse Readings, as Phil Pochoda has retired.

He met with us to give an overview of plans for this year's Meetinghouse Readings program, and to ask for our support in a collaborative effort with the English Department/Creative Writing Program at Dartmouth College. Dartmouth students in the summer creative writing program will be encouraged to help with the Meetinghouse Readings. This will expose them to the community, to organizing the programs, to meeting with creative writers. Dartmouth's literary magazine "Meetinghouse" would also tie in with this activity.

Funds are available to help with costs of the program – approx. \$9,000. The donor of this gift would like to see the money used to promote outreach to communities beyond Dartmouth. There are "no strings attached" to this gift. Dartmouth would be a sponsor of the program, as Mascoma Bank and others have been in the past. The funds would reside in an existing bank account designated for the Meetinghouse Readings. This is completely separate from Library funds, and will be managed by a Meetinghouse Readings committee. The CTL Trustees do not need to vote on this funding.

We thanked Bill for talking with us, and offered our support.