



Whipple Free Library

There's Always Another Chapter

Minutes of the Library Board of Trustees March 19, 2024

Present: Marti Wolf, Kerri Kelley, Christa Snyder, Jacob Fields, John Fladd, Susan Hansen, Tanya Ricker (Library Director) and Barbara Perry (Friends of the Library).

Absent: Jennifer Allocca

Members of the public: none

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Marti Wolf, Chair.

New Business:

February Minutes and Treasurer's report to be reviewed and voted on in April. Treasurer will be elected in April.

Officers elected for the ensuing year:

Marti Wolf - Chair

Kerri Kelley - Secretary

Meeting times to stay the same: Third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm

Board Committees:

Facilities - Kerri

Friends Liaison - Susan

Repurpose Children's room - Susan

New Children's room plan - John

Outdoor space - Jake and Jennifer

Business carried over from last meeting:

Discussion on the emergency generator, recently installed by town Emergency Management. Issues related to the costs of running and maintenance of this equipment are being looked into.

National Library Week and Staff Appreciation: April 7th - 13th. Tanya reports that planning is ongoing for a special week for staff with themed days, possibly on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Explanation and discussion of Unanticipated Revenue - funds from a non-tax source that are not expected or known at the time of budget preparation. This includes sources like money charged for lost books, copier fees, grants, and donations.

Friends of the Library Report:

Barbara reports the Friends have been working hard on the Auction which will take place on April 13th. They are bringing back the silent auction this year. They have also streamlined the checking out process to make it more efficient. Susan suggested online bidding and offered to help the Friends with setting it up electronically. The Friends are also working on amendments to the phone book.

Director's Report:

Tanya reports that the library is now able to accept electronic payments for lost materials, copies, and donations (over \$5).

Wifi printing is now available in black and white.

The first eclipse program went well with 38 participants. Eclipse glasses will be available to all attendees of eclipse events up until the day of the eclipse (4/8/24).

Tanya and staff have received a lot of positive feedback about the beginner Mahjong class. Summer reading program planning is in full swing.

4th of July Float - The theme will be The Chronicles of Narnia. Tanya and Sue will be heading. Volunteers are needed.

Touch-a-truck - June 1st at NBCS. Tanya is looking for all different kinds of vehicles.

Barbara Perry (Friends Liaison) left the meeting.

Non-public session:

Motion to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) for the purpose of discussing personnel matters was made by Kerri at 8:13 pm. Motion seconded by Christa. All members were in favor of moving to nonpublic session.

Discussion took place. No vote was taken.

Motion to exit nonpublic session by Kerri at 8:34 pm. and seconded by Jake.

All members in favor of leaving nonpublic session and returning to public session.

Public session reconvened at 8:34 pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:37 pm by John. Motion Seconded by Jake. All members in favor of adjourning.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerri Kelley, secretary