

Approved  
Marc A. Hurzeler, MD Public Library  
Trustee Meeting Minutes  
November 14,2023

Meeting opened at 6:35.

Present: Liz Milligan, Chair, Brenda Roy, Bette Bovio, Joy McCorkhill, Library Director and Jeanne Kenison.

Jeanne passed around multiple unapproved meeting minutes for trustees to review. Liz made a motion to accept the August 9, 2023, October 10,2023 with 2 corrections and October 24,2023 with 1 correction. This was seconded by Bette and accepted by all trustees.

There were no treasurer's report or receipts to sign this month.

#### Director's Report

Joy asked trustees for their opinions on continuing with booksales during the Firemen's breakfasts (July and Oct) as this will relate directly to what she will accept for donations. We will try the booksales for 1 year and reassess.

The kick-off for the Clif Grant Program will be the afternoon of 11/29 (waiting for the Clif response to the Heartwood request). Joy has been cataloging the books and sent over the applications for library cards which will have parent signatures as well. Joy has also received a \$300 mini-grant (available Dec 1) that she is looking for ideas for additional programs.

Calendars are here, sorted and calls made to be picked up.

Programming updates were discussed. The Made with Love Program for January will be Handmade Lotions with a \$10 registration fee. Joy will schedule a few Eclipse programs and go from there. She will be receiving the sunspotters soon. She is discussing a Planetarium program through the Fairbanks museum for March, \$200 plus mileage from St. Johnsburry. Based on training Joy recently received, she is looking to do a Saturday workshop on AI-Digital literacy ( what it is and what can be done with it). Also, \$10/month for midjourney which is AI Digital Image Creator.

Other programming ideas she has been working on include Cycle of Memory, a movie advertised as a multi-generational program to discuss Alzheimer's for \$125. Chris Adler's program, Are You ready for Wolf, is available for \$250. Monadnock Falconry does an outdoor program with hawk and falconer, July/August 2024. The \$550 cost may be discounted if the program can coordinate with another interested library in the north country. A program on the History of Comics is tentatively scheduled for May/June and will be in person vs zoom.

The program with Heartwood for Tuesday afternoon 12:30-2 has been approved for a \$100 clean fee. Emma will be in charge for the 6 week program which will include 19 kids, 3 cycling groups 40

minutes each. Leslie has offered to help Emma, as are any other volunteers.

Emma's evaluation has been done and she will be working on new goals for next year. These include consistently utilizing her calendar and lists, finding continuing ed that interests her either in person or via web, as part of taking the lead on youth programming. Numbers aren't as important as the attempts she makes, this includes the work with Heartwood. Exploring YALS & CHILLIS Listservs and looking at other libraries should help with this goal. SRP Manual and Programming, planning youth programming outside of story time and craft and Storywalk involvement will also help her look outside the box in her planning. She will also work on prioritizing skills.

Joy has been given the okay to add a baby changing table in the bathroom.

Joy will have Emma decorate for the Christmas festival. The Santa Head can't be hung on the brick wall outside the library and will look into having it hung on the side of the Fire Station.

The Chocolate Tasting and Craft Fair will be February 10. Fliers will be set out at Christmas Festival. She wants to remind vendors that only 1 table/family is allowed.

Emma will be taking a cruise in February 2/22-3/2/24 and Joy is looking for volunteers to cover hours she can't. She'll bring this up closer to her vacation to finalize coverage.

#### New Business

Liz submitted the proposed budget to Amanda for the Nov 27 meeting at 7:00. In preparation for the meeting, she passed out 2 calendar months with the new hours for all trustees to review. Joy will talk with Emma concerning when the new hours will start.

There will be no meeting in December.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43.

Jeanne Kenison, Secretary