

Call to order: 7:09pm at Wadleigh Memorial Library.

Present:

David Rysdam, Secretary
Shirley Wilson, acting
Judy Gross, Chair
Kathy Parenti
Betsy Solon, Director
Janet Hromjak

Director's Report:

STAFF NEWS

The Library has truly been a happening place this summer and staff members have worked tirelessly to bring great customer service to each and every library visitor. We are now looking forward to the Fall and are working to schedule training, programs and vacation times. On August 15th Tiger represented WML at the State Library demonstration of a new ILL system and reported back that it looks to offer some good features to the interlibrary loan process. The Children's Room staff will be reorganized beginning September 1st and arrangements are being made for the New England Library Association (NELA) conference in October.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Once again, the Summer Reading program was extremely popular. I've included a report from the Children's Department as they had a very successful summer. 64 Teens participated in the YA program, with Cupcake Wars and Pop Rocks Science being the most popular events. 60 Adults joined in and read 283 books. The Stone Wall and Rock and Roll Photo programs drew the largest adult attendance, while the Songs of WWI event was sadly a "flop," mostly because the Telegraph and Cabinet did not publish the information submitted by the library. Instead, both papers have been running old library event news, which has really confused our patrons - we've had people showing up for programs all summer that didn't exist! Kim reached out to Kathy Cleveland to see how we can remedy the lack of fact checking by the newspapers. In addition, since the letter to the editor about the Soldier's Memorial stones was never published, Kathy wrote an article about the stones (see this week's Cabinet). While interviewing Mary Ann for that article Kathy also learned about the Voter Registration event, and proceeded to do an article about that! So at least we've gotten some positive press of late.

Acoustic Café - the folk version - is moving to Wilton this year. We have lined up most of the performers for our own Acoustic Café concert series, including 2 classical guitarists, 1 jazz guitarist and a harpist. We've revamped the series to run on Friday nights instead of Saturdays and will work with the Friends to organize refreshments and collaborate with local restaurants and businesses.

FACILITIES

We lost our AC on one of the hottest days of August, but all appears to be working now. We

acted as a cooling center for most of July and August, so that was a challenging day. Jeff will be at the meeting to update everyone on all the other Facilities news.

OTHER

- On Saturday, August 18th the Milford Masons served breakfast to support the Library's Summer Reading Program. Many staff members and patrons attended the event.
- Staff is busy preparing for the Labor Day Parade – Trustees are welcome to march along!
- We are working with Piper Technologies on upgrading our website
- The NH Library community is standing by to help the Hopkinton Library after it was struck by lightning last week.

July Minutes: Approved unanimously on motion from Kathy with second from Shirley.

Donations: Accepted unanimously on motion from Janet with second from Kathy.

Facilities Report:

- Jeff got a quote for the security system update. For a complete system of 16 channels + cameras, installed: \$7600. For the same thing with 16 more channels (possibly including cameras): \$650 more. Janet moves and Kathy seconds \$8250 from the building fund for this expenditure. Unanimous, but then the same pair immediately amends the motion to \$8500. Also unanimous.
- Jeff also had a quote for a sprinkler upgrades/replacements. The lines will remain, but much of the rest, including heads and control panels, will be replaced. Kathy moves, Janet seconds \$1400 for irrigation. Unanimous.
- Old, damp insulation has fallen onto the ceiling gypsum board in two places. Jeff got a quote to vacuum these both out for a total \$8k. This is a step in the renovation plan. Shirley moves, Kathy seconds, \$8k from building fund for this. Unanimous.

Building Committee: Presented a potential timeline of events that could have Wadleigh on the ballot in Spring 2019.

Fountain Update: Visitor Dave Bouchet, former Director of Water Utilities and current caretaker of the Wadleigh fountain project came to correct some misapprehensions of the Board. He says the characterization in our April meeting of there being a lot of expensive work to be done was incorrect. Most of that information was based on unknowns surrounding the drain in the bowl. The drain doesn't need to exist and will be plugged. He's going to come back with a specific number on what it would take to be working again.

Wadleigh Memorial Library Trustees Meeting

August 21, 2018

Next Month: September 18 at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.