



Whipple Free Library

There's Always Another Chapter

Minutes of the Library Board of Trustees
June 18th, 2024

Present: Marti Wolf, Jennifer Allocca, Christa Snyder, Jacob Fields (arrived 7:07pm), John Fladd, Susan Hansen, Tanya Ricker (Library Director), Candy Brenner (Friends of the Library).

Absent: Kerri Kelley

Members of the public: none

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

Business Carried Over From Last Meeting:

- Trustees thanked the Friends for the wonderful Appreciation luncheon for Library Staff and Trustees.
- Exploring Solutions to Storage Needs: Tanya reported on some research she had done on IKEA cabinets and tables. She learned that the Rec Department and Police Department already have tables we can look at to see whether that design/manufacture meets our needs.
- 4th of July Float: A trailer has been volunteered, Marti will check on dimensions and a truck to pull the trailer in parade. Christa has 3 confirmed kids for the float with another 5 considering it. Jennifer confirmed another 3 kids.
- Repair of Screen in front of Library: The lattice work has warped and needs to be supported by an additional piece of trim wood. Marti and Christa volunteered to fix it.

New Business:

- NHLTA Conference: Both Susan and Christa found the Trustee 101 session to be useful as it provided information on the basics of being a Trustee. Sessions on Intellectual Freedom and Meeting Minutes were also attended. AI and Tech sessions examined new roles for Libraries as "Digital Navigators" for their communities. They also provided ideas/sources for Staff training; plus, additional ways Libraries can benefit their communities. (Marti handed out notes from things she learned/found interesting.)
- What local Libraries are doing for the summer: John shared the results of his research for an article in the upcoming issue of HIPPO. He encouraged everyone to look at what other libraries are doing in terms of how we can engage with even more New Boston citizens through their varied interests.
- HVAC System: During a routine 6-month inspection of our systems, Granite State Plumbing & Heating found that one of our air conditioning units is dead and another one is not functioning. We are currently exploring what repair or replacement options are open to us.

Recurring Business:

Friends' Report

The Museum passes up for renewal have been renewed. Shed clean up with Mary K. is proceeding. The next Book Sale will be held 9/14/2024 and Tanya says she may have an organization willing to take all the leftovers. Teri Harkins will be replacing Barbara Perry as a Friends Library Liaison. Candy Brenner announced the planting of a new red maple tree near the picnic tables which will be dedicated to all the gardeners.

May 28th Minutes reviewed: Motion to accept minutes by Susan Hansen. Seconded by John Fladd. Vote unanimous, with Jennifer abstaining as she had to leave that meeting early.

Treasurer's Report

Jennifer noted that we will need to budget more for electricity as the number of cloudy days we have had are costing us. Reminder that everyone should be considering how to best use memorial funds.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Christa Snyder. Seconded by Jake Fields. Vote unanimous.

Director's Report

- The Library has qualified for a program which will donate Lenovo tablets to seniors. She will be asking for 20-25 tablets in the Fall.
- Tanya is now a notary and will offer this service FREE at the Library.
- The search to find a replacement for the Library Page has yielded two good candidates. If both pass their background checks, Tanya will hire them to work alternating schedules, providing better coverage.
- Among other interesting things Tanya learned at a seminar she attended was that there are sound dampers available, such as eLoop, for those with hearing aids. This information has been shared with Friends who are looking at something for the Russell Room.
- After experiencing several problems with the last Red Cross Blood Drive, Tanya spoke with the organization. Jennifer has volunteered to act as 'on-site coordinator' to ensure compliance with Library policy on use of the Russell Room.

Facilities Report

Kerri is on vacation.

Upcoming Events:

July 4th - WFL Float for parade

July 16th – Trustees Meeting

Aug 9th – Sophie's off to college party REMINDER: The Trustees will not meet in August.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:34 pm by John. Motion Seconded by Jake. All in favor of adjourning.

Respectfully submitted,
Marti Wolf