

Library Trustee minutes 9/15/21

Attending: Caitlin Corless, Janet Watts, Mike Yandow, Bonnie Doble (remote) Lorna Swerhone (remote), Iris Banks, Joan Janzen, Marie Froeschl

Meeting called to order at 7:02

Minutes - Iris Banks called to approve last minutes, Joan seconded. Passed.

\$500 donation from Shirley Wool age 91 of Burlington Rehab donated. Her grandmother Catherine was a former librarian. Caitlin sent thank you notes and Iris will contact to add to history of library.

Debbie Evans passed away last week. All the donations are going to the library. Lorna is getting a card, she will leave it at the library for us to sign it next week.

Directors report: Hope to move to more regular hours this fall, (add Tues/Thurs evenings) but going to wait a bit to see how it goes.

2 new part time subs!

New website up and running in beta. (maintaining both websites - link on town website to beta website) Caitlin would like input and suggestions. Caitlin will present to the selectboard sometime.

Ask a couple of people each to check out website and give comments. Tell people at desk, Facebook, FPF.

Lorraine's father passed away. Card from board too. Lorna getting a card

Masks in all municipal buildings. Ordering from W.B Mason going through them fast.

Circulation way up, curbside pickup still being used. Great considering reduced hours.

Things to promote: Our hours, Wowbrary. Out and About in Essex will have storytime and story walk and grab and go craft.

New Business: Elect officers
Bonnie Motions to keep board, Marie seconds all in favor.
Chair: Bonnie Doble
Vice Chair: Marie Froeschl
Treasurer: Janet Watts

How can we get friends to be more active and involved? How can we get people to be ringleaders?

Budget:

Ideas - last year bought chromebooks to loan maybe this year get hot spot and data plans to loan

We can get 3-6. Fletcher Free and Waterbuy have them to loan.

Flipster - probably will not renew, plan to use green mountain library magazine service

Increasing digital resource budget

Do not want to reduce book budget, circulation is up.

Caitlin read budget

Goals and Priorities:

New Initiatives:

Library cards - getting professional cards made.

5000 cards and keychain things for \$1000

Right now 3500 active patron, 5000 in the system which will expire next year. Caitlin requests that we use the \$500 donation to get the cards.

Iris motions and Joan seconded, all in favor, no opposed.

SWAG: Bonnie and Lorna looking at getting some swag printed with new logo to sell

Need a new sign, Mike has a contact that may be able to help. Caitlin will check in on the price.

Covid Plan:

We are still doing outside storytimes and programs. Steamworks daycare/preschool asked if we could do outreach storytimes again (Jasmine used to). Haven't asked Emily if she would be willing to do it. Iris suggested an outside storytime if Emily is willing or wait a bit more.

Montessori school may want to come to the library, we will ask them to reduce the number of students they bring.

Still quarantining books for 48 hours before they go back out.

No update on Arpa grant (American recovery plan act \$16000) Waiting to hear back.

New website tour from Caitlin.

Move to adjourn - Bonnie, seconded Lorna. All in favor. 8:08 pm