

Fairfax Community Library Trustee Meeting Aug. 17, 2017

Unapproved Minutes

The meeting was held in the Conference Room. In attendance were Debbie Landauer, Pat Gallant, Chris Fearon, Eric Foreman, Liz Griffin, Janel Gamm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35.

Debbie took the trustees on a brief tour of the library, showing all the new shelving, tables, chairs purchased with monies from the School Board.

The children's area has new shelving, chairs, book displays, and is bright and fresh looking. The used books now have shelving by the door. There is new shelving for the juvenile fiction, young adult and large print books. The ends of the several book shelves have racks to display books. All in all the library looks refreshed and accessible.

There was no public input.

The only correspondence was a card and donation from Linda Goldsmith. The hundred dollar donation, made in memory of John Townsend, a local scientist, may be used to purchase a telescope or microscope that could be used by patrons. Should the donation be insufficient, funds to pay the balance could come from 'other income', or other donations.

The donation will be put in 'other income.'

The minutes of the May 25 trustees' meeting were read and approved. Chris made the motion to approve; there was no discussion.

The Treasurer reported that account balances are: savings, \$2324.32; checking \$412.56. There are no outstanding checks. Janel made the motion and the treasurer's report was approved.

The books given out at the Fairfax Rescue Open House were paid for from 'other income,' and Eric will reimburse that account.

The Selectboard will let us know when the library budget for the next fiscal year is due.

Updates

The library received \$1500 from the RiseVT Grant. This will fund a story walk on the recreation path for a year. Each month, beginning in May 2018, and ending October 2018 story boards will be posted along the recreation path for parents to read to their children.

Debbie plans to update the library website using Weebly as a platform, and Blue Host as the host. She has yet to have a block of time sufficient to complete the task. Eric suggested that perhaps a student could be found who would have the skills to assist with this.

The Summer Reading Program was a successful undertaking for the library. Under the new format, students logged minutes read, and this was met with positive feedback from parents. 245 students registered for the program, and they read 13,880 minutes from June 20 - August 11.
A well attended finale was held August 12.

Debbie told us that she spoke briefly on the VPR radio program Vermont Edition.

Chris attended the most recent long range planning committee and mentioned that there would be three more informational meetings about the proposed bond issue and changes to the BFA facility. The library will be included in the changes proposed.

New Business

The library has various materials that provide information about the proposed changes for the BFA school facility. There is an architectural drawing, and Chris will run off further information from the website to provide to the public.

Debbie indicated that Nicole, Karin, Lara all have self evaluation forms which will be due at the end of September to be available for the October 5 meeting. Debbie has her self-evaluation form as well. Debbie and Pat will look over the form to be sure that the changes proposed in 2016 that would clarify some parts have been included.

Trustees will discuss Debbie's evaluation in executive session at the October 5 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM. The next trustees' meeting will be October 5.

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Griffin, secretary.