

Fairfax Community Library  
Trustees' Meeting  
December 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:35. Present were: Patti Reaves, Pat Gallant, Liz Griffin, Debbie Landauer, Janel Gamm, and Kyle Metayer.

There was no public input.

Debbie had correspondence.

She received a report from the town clerk which stated that as of 11/29/16 we had spent 88.47% of our budget

A postcard came from the Vermont Library Association regarding Board membership. The Board of Trustees has always kept a membership in the VLA and we will renew that membership. The Vermont Library annual conference will be held May 18 2017.

Larry Cain from the Limb Corporation contacted the library and will be coming to install a new blind. The cost is covered by the Town as previously agreed by Lauri Fisher, Select Board member.

Motions were made by Janel and Patti to approve the minutes of the 9/8/2016 meeting and the 9/22/16.

The treasurer reported that there is \$237.62 in the checking account, and \$4321.49 in the savings account.

At the next Selectboard meeting the town will set up a schedule to review the various town budgets.

Program news. Debbie reported that this is the 6th year of the after school Chess Club. There are currently 22 members. Participants range in age from kindergarten through 8th grade. Debbie wrote a grant to Cabot Cheese for refreshments and received several boxes of individually sliced cheese.

#### New Business

There will be two openings on the Board of Trustees. Both Patti Reaves and Kyle Metayer's terms expire. Neither will run again.

A discussion ensued about library materials worth \$350 taken by a family when they moved out of town. After weighing all the issues the trustees decided that the rollover fund could be used to replace those lost items.

The library in which the family now resides has been informed of what has transpired in the Fairfax Community Library.

Baby Dedication.

The baby book dedication is a joint project of Building Bright Futures (success by six) and the FCL. In the past the trustees have paid for a part of the cost of the baby dedication, covering the cost of the letter, stamps, envelopes and the books. Debbie said the cost this year would be approximately \$150 for books, and \$35 for stamps.

Kyle made a motion and Janel seconded it to fund this activity.

## Parenting Workshops

After issuing a survey and compiling the data Debbie has put together a series of parenting classes involving 5 workshops and 3 speakers. Ideas for the types of classes was taken from the survey. These are the topics and the presenters.

### Positive Discipline

- Handling Difficult Times / Talking to Kids About Big Issues
- Parent-Child Communication & sibling relations
- Managing Kids' Safe Use of Technology/the Internet
- Healthy Eating for the Whole Family

The focus will be on information for parents of children aged 0-13 (also based on a majority of responses in the survey.) Debbie has lined up experts in the fields including Scott Noyes, Angelique Fairbrother, and a nutritionist from WIC to present the workshops.

Our tentative budget so far looks like this.

Scott Noyes, three 120 minute workshops \$900

Angelique Fairbrother, one 90-120 minute workshop \$105-140

WIC nutritionist, (Mallory James or her colleague) one 90 minute workshop \$50 (estimate, may be less)

Babysitting for 5 evenings, \$200 (may be less depending on need and potential volunteers)

Refreshments for 5 evenings \$75

Approximate total \$1305

Debbie has applied to the PTSA for financial support. She also checked with Linda Goldsmith re using the funds in the Goldsmith fund for these workshops and she said to use the funds. Debbie thinks the trustees could provide \$300, the PTSA, \$300 and the Goldsmith Fund, \$700. Patti Reaves made a motion that the trustees give \$300 for the workshops and it was approved. The workshops will be held in February and March 2017. The next Trustees meeting will be February 9 2017

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Griffin