

**Olive G. Pettis Library, Goshen, NH**  
**Minutes of Trustees Meeting**  
**August 20, 2013**

**1. Roll call and approval of agenda**

Present: Don Bailey, Chairperson; Jonathan Purick, Vice-chairperson; Steve Belden, Treasurer; Bea Jillette, Alternate Trustee; Cynthia Phillips, Librarian; Bonnie Belden, Secretary; Absent: Lilyan Wright, Alternate Trustee; Tracey Bevilacqua, Trustee

**BUSINESS:**

**2. Review minutes of July 16:** Minutes were adopted with no changes.

**3. Treasurer's report:** The current balance is \$5704.58. The balance in the miscellaneous account is now \$4417.99. We have expended about one half of our annual budget, which runs from March through March. The treasurer's report was accepted.

**4. Correspondence:** Thank you letters were sent to the librarians at Hill Library (Center Strafford), Philbrick-James Library (Deerfield) and the Stratton Free Library (West Swanzey) to thank them for books that they donated to our library. A form was completed and sent back to the State Library updating the list of Trustees and their terms of office.

**5. Sovernet Communications:** Greg Noble from Sovernet was expected, but did not attend. In a recent correspondence, Bob Bell reported to Cyndi that Sovernet service would cost the library \$145 per month and be available to us at the end of October. The town would subsidize us for the difference in our unbudgeted amount until the end of the year. There are other options for service, including Wildblue (our current provider), Hughesnet, and Fairpoint. We'd like to meet with a representative from Sovernet to ask questions and clarify the terms of coverage to help with our decision on this.

**6. Meet with selectmen:** Bonnie suggested that, in the interest of open communication, that 2-3 trustees meet with the selectmen to inform them of our programs and activities and also ask questions of them and to try to clarify some questions and concerns that we have. Don and Bonnie will try to get on the agenda for Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Report on Library Camp:** Cyndi reported that the camp was a big success. There were 16-18 children who attended and 8-10 teen counselors. There were daily presentations by volunteers and campers did activities to go along with each presentation. Tuitions grossed \$420, which offset the cost of one special presentation.

**8. Programs:**

- We are unable to get Kevin Gardner in September, so will hold the program on New England stone walls in early October.
- Bea made the suggestion to have a book group after the monthly church luncheon. Short stories could be read aloud to the participants. The suggestion was supported and encouraged. Cyndi will work on getting this started.

**9. Grant Applications:**

- Bonnie has submitted a grant to the Libri Foundation for children's books. If accepted, the foundation will match \$350 raised locally, with \$700, which would give us a total of \$1050 to be used for children's books for children up through age 12.
- Don will check into applying to the CLIFF Foundation for an additional grant for children's books.
- Cyndi will check and see if there are any grants for young adults.

**10. Trainings:**

- A Rural Libraries Conference will be held all day in White River Jct., Vermont, on Friday, September 20. The cost is \$10, which includes lunch. Cyndi expressed interest in attending, as did a trustee.
- The yearly Trustee Orientation for new trustees will be held in Newport at the Richards Free Library on Thursday, September 19 in the evening.

**11. Schedule for cleaning library:** Lilyan had previously offered to clean on the weekend of August 24, and Don on the weekend of Sept. 6. Bonnie will do the weekend of September 21.

**12. Monuments:** Don has spoken to two stone masons concerning repair of the monuments and will report this information to the selectmen at their next meeting, August 26.

**13. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:24. The next meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, September 18, at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Belden  
Secretary