

Olive G. Pettis Library, Goshen, NH
Minutes of Trustees Meeting
September 18, 2013
FINAL

1. Roll call and approval of agenda

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

The agenda was approved.

BUSINESS:

2. Review minutes of August 20: Minutes were adopted with no changes.

3. Treasurer's report: The current balance is \$5632.25. The miscellaneous account balance is \$4322.22. The treasurer's report was accepted.

4. Correspondence: There was no correspondence to report.

5. Grant Award: Bonnie reported that the library has been granted the Libri Foundation Award for which we applied last month. The award has been posted on the Libri foundation website. The foundation will give us \$1050 worth of books. Their contribution of \$700 is given to match the \$350 that was raised through local fundraising. The written material about receiving the grant should arrive sometime after September 27. There will be a list of books from which we can make our selections for the library. The target audience for the grant is age birth to 12 years.

6. Meeting with Selectmen:

- Bonnie and Don went to the selectmen's meeting on August 26. Selectmen were informed of the many activities that are being held in the library and of the growing attendance at these. A number of questions were then raised and discussed, including the impact on our budget of the new Sovernet connection, windows and roof on the library needing repair, and adding a cleaning person to the budget for next year, since we have been relying on a volunteer to do this. Selectmen asked the trustees to look into the possibility of obtaining e-rates, which offer a reduced rate for technology fees for libraries. Bonnie agreed to inquire about this possibility. We were asked to report back before budget time about these ideas/concerns.
- Stone structures: Two estimates were submitted for repair of the monuments. Both were for \$3000. Our concern and also that of the contractors who applied is that water and snow might get into the cracks during the winter. Don has borrowed a buffer/polisher to polish the plaques.

7. Schedule for cleaning library: Bonnie will do the weekend of September 21. Tracy will do October 5. Lilyan will clean on October 21. Tentatively, Don will do the weekend of November 2 and Bonnie will do the 16th. This will be reviewed at our October meeting.

8. Other:

- Humanities Council: Bea recommended “Family Stories—How and Why to Remember Them” by Jo Radner for a future event. It seems that this would have wide appeal. This may be planned for later, after the holidays.
- Fastroads Connections: There have been no further developments.
- Library procedures: Procedures need to be developed with regard to library holdings that might be challenged at some point. We must schedule a time to begin to address this.
- CLIF Grant: Don completed this grant application and sent it in. It is for a Rural Library Sponsorship. If accepted, our library would receive \$2000 for children’s books, Goshen-Lempster School would receive 25 new titles and have two storytelling programs, and all the children at the school would receive a free new book.
- Public program: Kevin Gardner will do a presentation on stone walls on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 6:30 in the Town Hall. There will be a pot luck dinner before the event, which will begin at 6:00. Local businesses affiliated with paving, stone wall construction or related materials have been asked to help with sponsorship in return for advertising.
- Scarecrow building: This will be held on October 26 at 10:00. Lilyan will get 4 gallons of cider. Steve will get donut holes. Materials needed: string, safety pins, stapler, scissors, straw, panty hose. We still have the posts and plastic heads from last year. Don will enquire about extra clothes from the Newport Thrift Shop.
- Preschool program: Plans continue for a “Lap Read” for preschoolers to begin sometime in October.
- New monthly book group: Don, Lilyan and Cyndi went to the last monthly church luncheon in August and asked those in attendance if there was interest in holding a book group after the luncheon each month. Those present were invited to give ideas about the nature of what they would like. No one has indicated interest at this point.
- Shelving: Discussion was begun as far as possibilities for additional shelving for the children’s area. Because of the limited floor space, the shelving will need to go higher, along the walls. The next step is to post an RFP and take bids for the project. No decision was made about how to fund the project, as there are not enough funds in the regular budget to do this.

13. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:09. The next meeting will be on October 15 at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Belden
Secretary