

Olive G. Pettis Library, Goshen, NH
Minutes of Trustees Meeting
June 16, 2014
FINAL

Roll call and approval of agenda:

All present: Jonathan Purick, Chairperson; Dorothy DeLucia, Vice Chairperson, Trisha LaBossiere, Treasurer; Lilyan Wright, Alternate Trustee; Bea Jillette, Alternate Trustee; Cyndi Phillips, Librarian; Bonnie Belden, Secretary

Guest Ann O'Clair joined the meeting at 7:00 for a special request.

Jonathan called the meeting to order at 6:30. Voting privileges were given to Lillian due to the vacancy in one trustee position.

BUSINESS:

- 1. Review minutes of May:** Minutes were adopted with no changes.
- 2. Treasurer's report:** Trisha reported that the balance is currently \$5932.09 in the main account. Some checks have not cleared. May and June town appropriations have been received. There is no change in the miscellaneous account. The treasurer's report was accepted.
- 3. Correspondence:** Bonnie corresponded with Mary Janenga at Sugar River Bank to process new signature papers that designate Trisha LaBossiere as Treasurer and also give Dorothy DeLucia and Jonathan Purick check signing privileges. This was finalized on June 6.

4. Librarian's report:

Summer program: The third summer reading camp, "Spark a Reaction! Ignite your Imagination!" will be held from Monday, August 11 through Saturday, August 16. Campers will participate in a variety of science activities during the week, a talent exposition on Friday evening and in Old Home Day activities on Saturday, August 16. Tuition rates have increased to better reflect Camp expenses.

Book donations: Books have been received from Kathy Shinnars.

Books for collection: Cyndi would like to add the following books to the library collection: Big Trees of New Hampshire, a book of 25 hikes in the state, City of Orphans, a book on paper airplanes for the collection and several nonfiction picture books for grades 6-8 to use during summer school.

Repairs to library building: In order for painting and roof replacement to begin on the library, RFPs must be posted locally and in the newspaper.

Adult enrichment: Bea suggested that a Kindle class be held to teach patrons how to set up the device and download books from the Overdrive website. Other ideas were felting, pottery, and a writers' workshop on writing your family story.

Out-of-town patrons: There have been a total of 3 instances in which out-of-town patrons have taken out books and have not returned them or have damaged them. We will now charge \$5.00 for non-resident library cards.

Facebook: Olive G. Pettis Library is now on Facebook, thanks to Cyndi and to Trish.

5. Candidate Forum (Public request):

Ann O'Clair joined the meeting. Together with Cyndi Phillips, she inquired as to the possibility of the library offering a forum for the school board candidates to express their views and for members of the public to get to know each of the candidates and to know their vision for the education of Goshen students. There are 8 candidates for the 5 open positions.

Trustees were very much in favor of this idea and decided on the date of Thursday, July 10 from 6:30 to 8:30p.m. for this to happen. This will be six days before the election on July 16. Bonnie moved and Trish seconded for the library to hold the forum.

Considerations:

- Mary Walters will be asked to donate her time to moderate the meeting.
- Cyndi will extend invitations to all of the candidates.
- Format: There will be time for candidates to make opening remarks, followed by questions which all candidates will have the opportunity to answer, and then candidates will give closing remarks. All responses will be limited in time.
- In fairness to all of the candidates, no questions will be shared in advance and the person going first for each question will be drawn at random.
- A PA system will be used so that all candidates can be heard easily.
- Library trustees will serve as "meeters and greeters."
- The public will be polled for questions.

Logistics:

- Invite candidates: Cyndi
- Contact newspaper: Ann
- Post on Facebook and website: Cyndi
- Make posters: Bea
- Refreshments: Ann (cookies, sweets and beverages; trustees will help if asked)
- Set up Town Hall at 5:30 before the event: Ann Cyndi and available trustees

6. NHLTA Conference reports: These will be reported at our next meeting.

7. Old Home Day: The library's contribution to Old Home Day on August 16 will be a Blueberry tasting contest and bake sale called *Everything Blueberry!* The public will be invited to join the tasting contest and/or to donate items for a bake sale to benefit the library. Some preliminary ideas were discussed and will be further explored at next month's meeting.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10. The next meeting is July 15 at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Belden,
Secretary