

Olive G. Pettis Library  
Board of Trustees  
October 15, 2019

1. Call to Order, approval of agenda

Present: Trisha Labossiere, Treasurer; Janelle Dawson, Vice Chair; Cyndi Phillips, Librarian; Bonnie Belden, Chair, Eryc Courmac (guest) and Kimberly Caron (guest) Absent: Dorothy DeLucia, Secretary;

Agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.

Review of minutes of September 17: Trisha moved and Janelle seconded acceptance of the minutes. Passed.

Correspondence: Thank you notes were sent to Alex Berube of Hudson and Risa Sacks and Larry Smith of Worcester for their donations to the library.

*The trustees and librarian welcomed our two guests, both of whom may be interested in joining the trustees in the future.*

2. Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Trisha reported that the current balance is \$11,494.74. Janelle moved and Bonnie seconded acceptance. Report passed.

- **Librarian's Report:** Cyndi reported that:

-The presenter of the Abenaki Humanities program is not able to come  
-There is a new version of NHUPAC out, but it is not yet functional for the smaller libraries. There will be training on this in the future.  
-Cyndi reiterated her concern about developing activities and programs to appeal to our various age groups, particularly our tweens and teens. This resulted in a brainstorming of ideas that included the guests present.

- **SAU Report:** Bonnie reported that there will be a Primary Program with the Supt. Gail Paludi and Nan Parsons on Saturday, November 2 from 10:00-11:30.

3. Action Items/ unfinished business:

- **Planning board and contractor updates:** A very conservative list of potential weatherization projects was presented to the planning board. We were asked to go back and make a more comprehensive proposal and to get bids for the various components requested.

- **Scarecrow Build, Pumpkin Painting & Book Sale** on Saturday, Oct. 19: Cyndi has been culling the books. Some pumpkins have been donated. More are coming. Kim offered to get apple cider and donuts. Set up for this will begin at 4:00 on Friday.
- **Trunk or Treat** on Sunday, October 27: Hay and cornstalks have been donated by Cindy Rouillard and Kevin Bevilacqua respectively. Diane Craig has asked the Fire Department to participate. Trisha has received donations from vendors and the public for candy and other snacks. There will be a hayride courtesy of Mark Caron.
- **Play Space Project:** The director of Natural Playgrounds has been contacted and has asked that before a consultation can be scheduled, that we brainstorm a scope and timeline for the project, as well as potential costs and in-kind assistance that we might be able to access. We began brainstorming a list and will make this an ongoing process.
- **Library Xmas** on Dec. 7: One vendor has reserved space to date. The cookie walk will be held and there will be free crafts for children.

#### 4. New Business:

- **Library as a historical building:** This was the beginning of a discussion about the pros and cons of having the library listed on the historical register. The main pro seems to be the ability to apply for grants. This discussion will continue.

#### 5. Announcements

#### 6. Adjournment was at 8:00

Next meeting—November 19 @ 6:00-8:00

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Belden, Chair