

Brownell Library Trustee

Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2017

In attendance: Andy Kolovos, Julia Rigby, Ann Wadsworth, Christine Packard, Sheila Porter, Linda Costello, Dottie Bergendahl, Wendy Hysko, Max Holtzman, Penny Egan, Kayley Haggerty

7:05 4/18/17 Meeting called to order. Ann Wadsworth, newly elected trustee, and Julia Rigby, new youth librarian were introduced. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

Dottie gave a financial report which was acknowledged as read.

Andy announced the non fiction cartoonists were discussing their work on Sunday 4/23 at the Middlebury Folklife Center.

Wendy explained that the library had a new wifi setup.

Reports

56 people attended the first Wednesday gathering this month. The final first Wednesday for the season gathering will be in May. Dottie warned us that cuts in federal spending will affect local library budgets.

Foundation report

The Foundation Committee met on 4/17. The Financial Committee met first. The Foundation Committee voted to give the proceeds of all book sales in May to the Library Trustees. The next Foundation meeting will be May 15. The Foundation will work in the storage book room on April 28. The plan is to clear out the storage room of all books in June and then restock.

The Library Trustees will be responsible for book sales in May, including the outdoor sale on Memorial Day during the parade on 5/27.

The Foundation has received two matching grants from IBM.

The village meeting was uneventful.

New Business

The exhibit policy has been rewritten and printed to make rules for exhibitors clear and understandable. Copies will be available to those persons who wish to exhibit art or collections or other materials.

Motion to accept the policy made by Dottie and the second was made by Sheila.

When volunteers who have worked 5 years or more retire, They will be acknowledged as follows: a book will be selected by the director and added to the collection recognizing the individuals' service. The director or the trustee chairperson will write a note of thanks to the person recognizing their years of service. Judge Cashman will be the first honoree.

Penny made the motion; Sheila the second and the trustees agreed.

An event honoring Fredrick Douglas is planned for July 5. This will be in conjunction with the Essex Free library and the Deborah Rawson library. A reading of Douglas' writing on the meaning of the 4th of July is planned. The time is not determined as yet.

A wildlife exhibit featuring live animals will be held at the library on Saturday, April 22 at 10:30.

Dottie moved we adjourn at 8:55. Sheila made the second. Trustees agreed.

Submitted by Linda Costello