

Brownell Library Board of Trustees
6 Lincoln Street
Essex Junction, Vermont 05452
Tuesday, May 15, 2018
7:00pm

Brownell Library 6 Lincoln St, Essex Junction, Vt.
Recording Secretary for this meeting: Joe Knox

Brownell Trustees in attendance: Dottie Bergendahl, Linda Costello, Beth Custer, Andy Kolovos, Joe Knox, Christine Packard, Sheila Porter, Sydney Turer, Ann Wadsworth, Carrie Egan,

Staff: Susan Pierce, Wendy Hysko

Guest: Helen Donahey, Linda Hasan (Foundation),

The meeting was called to order by Christine Packard.

The agenda was reviewed. The date of the meeting was corrected to May 15 and it was agreed that there wasn't any need for further discussion of the Village meeting.

The minutes of the April 17, 2018 meeting were reviewed. After spelling corrections were made Linda Costello moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Dottie Bergendahl seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

The financial report was reviewed and it was agreed that it appeared to be on track for the year. The vacant children's librarian position accounted for some items being below budget. The trustees agreed that as the end of the fiscal year approached it was important to ensure that the opportunity to use funds budgeted for collection development wasn't missed. Wendy Hysko described several big expenditures coming up which weren't yet reflected in the numbers reviewed.

The trustees acknowledged the financial report.

Announcements:

Interviews for the new children's library have concluded and Wendy is hopeful that the finalist will accept and be able to start on or about June 1.

On Wednesday, May 16, local author, St. Michael's English and American Studies professor, and Essex Junction resident Bob Niemi will be giving a talk examining the historical accuracy of some popular war films.

Reports:

The Library Director and Staff report was discussed including an update on the ongoing issues relating to blocked sewer lines.

Foundation Report:

Linda and Dottie reported that the Foundation had not met since the last Trustee's meeting but was scheduled to do so on Saturday, May 19.

Old Business:

The trustee portrait display is on hold until trustee vacancies are filled.

Library Trustee vacancies were discussed. Helen Donahey was in attendance to express her interest in possibly joining the trustees.

The new website is almost ready for launch. Hannah Tracy sent out survey looking for feedback on the changes in anticipation of the site going live this summer.

Andy Kolovos reported on the planning for History at the Heart of the Village events. Events will include:

Friday, June 1, 6:30 – reception for exhibit

Saturday, June 2 10 – 2 – community scanning event, also digitizing VHS tapes and showing them

Wednesday June 13 7:00 community storytelling event

Final preparations for the Trustees Book Sale were made. Trustees were encouraged to bring plastic bags and to wear their summer reading shirts.

New Business:

The following schedule for meeting minute recorders was agreed to:

June – Sheila

August – Beth

September – Andy

October - Ann

November – Linda

December – Joe

January - Dottie

10. Adjournment

At 8:20 Ann Wadsworth moved to adjourn the meeting. Andy seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Knox.