

Exeter Public Library Trustees Minutes
January 22, 2013

Present: B. Crespi, F. Donovan, J. Henson, D. Kane, G. Kenney, M. LaFreniere, B. Young, H. Godino.

Call to Order: 6:31 pm. Gwen opened the meeting with roll call.

The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Correspondence: Kimberley McCarthy resigned as of November 29, 2012.

Director's Report:

The town's deliberative session will be Saturday, February 3.

In January, the Morning Book Group read *The Greater Journey* by David McCullough and the Evening Book Group read *The Wolves of Andover* by Kathleen Kent. In February, Kathleen Kent will be Skyping with the Evening Book Group about her series of bestselling novels set in Andover, MA. In February the Morning Book Group will be reading *The Flight of Gemma Hardy* and the Evening Book Group will be reading *The Red House*. Book Talks continue to be well attended at the senior facilities.

In January the sixth graders read *Peak* and the seventh graders read *The Thief*. In February the sixth graders will read *The Light in the Forest*, and the seventh graders will read *White Darkness*. Following the January discussion, five seventh graders remained to talk about joining TAB and have assumed some responsibilities for the next meeting. It was decided to meet following their book discussion for a period of 30 minutes.

The LapSit program is held on Mondays at 9:30 and 10:30. The program is for toddlers 18 months until they are 3 years old. During LapSit the toddlers and their Mothers, Dads, Grammy's or Nannies enjoy stories, songs, nursery rhymes and finger plays. Preschool Story time is held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 10:00am and 2:00pm. This program is for children 3 years old and up. Winter stories and crafts will be the focus of both programs this session.

Saturday, January 12th Dewey's Book Buds: (3rd grade) discussed *We Can't All be Rattlesnakes* and played Pictionary. On Saturday, February 9th they will discuss *Kenny and the Dragon*. Page Turners: (4th/5th grade) discussed *The Secret of Zoom* and played Concentration. On Saturday, February 9th they will discuss *Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos*. Saturday, January 19th Book & Art (1st grade) listened to *Colorful Dreamer: the Story of the Artist Henri Matisse* and will display their artwork in the Children's Room ArtSpot through the end of February. Saturday, February 16th, they will listen to *How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning* and be given their first book to read on their own for March. Book Bunch: (2nd grade) talked about *8 Class Pets+1 Squirrel/1 Dog+Chaos* and played Hangman. On Saturday, February 16th, they will discuss *Franny K. Stein, Mad Scientist: Lunch Walks Among Us*. There are a total of 113 children signed up for our book groups. Children continue to sign up until groups are full.

Operating Statement:

The operating statement was accepted; nothing unusual for this time of year.

Building, Grounds and Technology:

The new automation system is up and running.

Finance and Fundraising:

The Annual Appeal has brought in a little under \$10,000.

Mary discussed the spring fundraiser, Baskets for Books. Riverwoods of Exeter has donated the use of their meeting room. This will save us money. They will also provide food at a reduced cost. We are hoping for around 95 people. The tickets will cost around \$35. Deb Kane will do the advertising.

Personnel & Policy: -0-

Social:

April is volunteer month. Hope wants to have a luncheon for our volunteers and hopes that trustees will be able to attend.

Continuing Business: -0-

New Business:

The town of Exeter will celebrate the town's 375 birthday this year. The Historical Society is hoping to republish Nancy Merrill's book in paperback. Hope asks that the library lend the Historical Society \$5000 to help publish the book. We will be getting the money back when the book sells. Hope and the Trustees are looking into this.

Hope wants to dedicate our new historical room to Nancy Merrill and have books for sale during the party.

The openings for library Trustees this year are as follows: 2 one-year openings and 3 three-year openings.

Next Meeting: February 19, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:08 pm

Pam Darlington