

EXETER PUBLIC LIBRARY
Trustees Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2022

1. Call to Order: Jenny called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and we took roll call.

Present: Lisa Wilson, Denise Leonard, Laura Wyskiel, Jenny Medlock, Barbara Young, Kathy Corson, Hope Godino.

Absent: Mary LaFreniere, Linda Tober, Paula Sears

2. Correspondence: There was a lovely thank you card from the staff sharing their appreciation for the luncheon.

There was also a note from a patron by the name of Luke. He had written a narrative entry for school all about how much he enjoys the library and all the happy faces.

3. Minutes from the Previous Meeting: The minutes were accepted as written.

4. Reports:

a. Director's Report: Check out the Library's Newsletter. Summer Reading programs for all have begun. In the Children's room, the theme is Oceans of Possibilities. Events include: Wildlife Encounters, UNH Marine Lobsters, Ceramics with Barbara, Mad Science, Stuffed Pet Show, and a life-size whale in the park. Great Bay Action Kids will be coming to the library every week this summer for stories and fun. We will be going back to the Exeter Rec Camp every week with gently used books for the kids with summer reading prizes. 2022 marks 30 years that the library has been bringing Summer Reading to the rec camp. The Stuffed Pet Show is on it's 29th Year. There will be Ocean book logs and prizes for summer reading. The Teen Room will have a Sweet Summer with cupcake decorating, So you want to run a restaurant, delicious and nutritious treats, cereal and the Simpsons, food trivia contest and chocolate tasting. The Teens will also have a summer book swap, weekly trivia, Tuesday video gaming and great prizes. Adults can Celebrate the Decades with a week of family friendly movies, the Booming

40's, the Groovy 60's, the Rad 80's and the Modern 2000's. There will also be Mock Cocktails 101, tie-dye for all ages, a nostalgic dance party and group trivia. There will also be prizes for a lucky winner every week. We finally have the new scanners for the updated library cards and will begin to update everyone's cards in September.

b. Operating Statement: Hope mentioned that Unitil checked the meter. It is reading correctly. They made some recommendations to cut back on electricity use. We are also looking into new suppliers. Everything in the building is electric except the hot water. The biggest cost is the lights in the parking lot. We are looking to change them to LEDs. Hope spoke with Amy Farnham to discuss the possible use of solar panels. Kathy asked how it compared to other town electric bills and Hope said that the rates are all the same.

c. Building and Grounds: Nothing to report

d. Finance and Fundraising: Barbara shared that some people have donated another chair and there were two more donations towards the annual appeal. Lisa mentioned some feedback concerning how appreciative people were about receiving thank you notes after their donations for the Annual Appeal.

e. Long Range Plan: Nothing to report. Will revisit in January. Kathy and Laura will be co-chairs.

f. Personnel and Policy: Please remember to get your information about your committee role to Barbara so she can make copies for all the trustees. Items can be added as needed.

g. Friends: Jenny joined the Friend's Meeting on June 14th. They met on the balcony. They are doing well and happy to report that they raised \$1,234 from the Seadog event. They are looking at what other restaurants might be able to do for fundraisers. They funded five more chairs. The YMCA Kids Day was successful, and children were able to paint rocks there. They are holding a cribbage event once a month. The next one is on July 23rd from 10am to 12 noon. They are looking to continue with the Farmer's Market, but they need volunteers to be at the booth. They also agreed to make a donation to go towards snacks for the Teen Room. They will start collecting school supplies soon. The gardens are going great and there is a plan for a drainage garden. They are also looking for a new treasurer.

h. Social: Lisa thanked everyone for their help with the staff lunch. We discussed the possibility of a fall event with cider, cider donuts, apple pie and music. We could have it be an open house to come and see the new chairs.

5. Continuing Business: Nothing to report.

6. New Business: Nothing to report.

7. Closed Session, if necessary: None needed.

8. Public Comment: None

9. Adjourn: We adjourned at 6:27pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 6pm.

Submitted by Laura Wyskiel, Secretary