



Jonathan Trumbull Library

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May 18th, 2017

Regular Meeting – Board of Trustees

Present: Cathe McCall, Diane McCall, Maureen McCall, Kathy Chesmer, Mary Withey, Judy Vertefeuille, Michelle Kersey and Darlene Boirie and Library Director Julie Culp
Absent: Berkeley Nowosad

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by the chairman, Cathe McCall.

Minutes to the April 20th, 2017 meeting – Motion (D. McCall/M. Kersey) to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried with none opposed.

Correspondence – None to address.

Director's Report – Julie reported

- Budget – Looking good - The trust fund is outperforming last year and all else is on target.
- Circulation is down and no different than anywhere else (down 7% statewide).
- Linda has been out for a month so far so no children's programs but she has sent the summer reading schedule to Lebanon Life.
- CEN, free internet for libraries, will be ending July 1st and we have successfully switched to Charter.
- Papers filed with the town for a substitute, Carol Faustman, who is experienced with Evergreen and is available days.
- Julie attended Connecticut Library Association Conference on Thursday, May 4th in Groton and also attended Eastern CT Library Directors Roundtable in Tolland on May 10th. Many good ideas garnered from both events.
- Julie is planning an adult summer reading program and is thinking of getting gift certificates from local businesses. Device night is being held on the third Thursday. The next adult program will be held on June 22nd at 6:30 – *The Not-So-Great life of the Colonial Goodwife*. On July 10th at 6:30 will be a Medicare boot camp and on Thursday, August 3rd at 6:30 *Through Hiking the Appalachian Trail* will be presented. The last hiking event was well-received so this one should be as well. August 14th the Connecticut Author Trail stops here with Karen Olsen presenting. The trail kicks off in Franklin on July 9th.

Sub-Committee Reports

- Bylaws – nothing to report
- Budget – doing okay
- Facilities – John Dudek is treating the library for mice. Julie received an email from Betsy that Jason will address the air conditioning here. The old system will not be replaced but window units will be available.
- Friends – nothing to report – Diane reported that books are being donated and sorted but there are still some empty slots for volunteers to help with the sorting.
- Trust Fund – Julie called the trustee, Ed Golden, and left a message and then called again and spoke with him directly. He has promised to get the information we are looking for but if Julie doesn't hear from him soon, she will call him again.
- Building Committee – nothing to report

Unfinished Business – Library Trends – With the idea that the library should not stagnate, that we should keep the library in the public eye and work towards creating community, the following ideas were discussed.

- More programming – currently Zinnio and Ebooks are doing well
- Community meeting space - changing our bylaws to allow more usage
- Adult coloring stations
- Jigsaw puzzles
- Loaning Roku devices (need an expert to handle this sort of thing)
- 3-D printer (expensive)
- Susan Epstein of the Columbia Library did a survey of who uses what kinds of devices. WIFI hotspot good. Readers don't go over well.
- Communication with the schools so that children and adult programming listings could go home with the children.
- More hours
- Workspace with a printer and computer for several people to collaborate on projects
- Happy Hour book club – perhaps at a winery
- Online book reviews – Twitter – or write a review and put it on Facebook – Booktalk
- Craft night to push non-fiction books partnered with a demonstration – perhaps a craft-of-the-month - Pinterist evening - Home decorating - “Handy Mom” lecture
- Musical instruments – demonstration – introduction to
- Garden Club could perhaps do a program
- Address community deficiencies and focus on seniors
- Technology night
- Adult recess night – nerf balls, cardboard projects and the like
- Bees – but did pollination last year
- Cook Book Club – cooking night – or potluck night where everyone brings a dish that they found in one of the cookbooks
- Meet your local politicians
- Funeral party
- Memory book

New Business – None

Hearing no other business, motion made (M. Withey/M. McCall) to adjourn at 7:56. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen D. McCall, Secretary