



Jonathan Trumbull Library

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February 20, 2014

Regular Meeting – Board of Trustees

Present: Cathe McCall, Diane McCall, Berkeley Nowosad, Alicia Wayland, Mary Withey, Kathy Chesmer, Michelle Kersey, Maureen McCall and Librarian Julie Culp Absent: Judy Vertefeuille

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by the chairman, Cathe McCall. The minutes to the January 16th, 2014 regular meeting were addressed. Julie noted that Charlie Lange has an 'e' at the end of his last name. No other changes were forthcoming. Motion by Alicia Wayland and seconded by Diane McCall to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried with none opposed. The minutes to the January 30th, 2014 special meeting were addressed. Motion by Alicia Wayland and seconded by Diane McCall to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried with none opposed.

Correspondence – None

Library Director's Report: Julie reported

- Staffing on Saturday is still a problem. Circulation per hour is higher on Saturday than during the week. Special programs are held then because more parents are home and available to attend with their children.
- Circulation continues to be up every month over last year. Programs are very well attended and more are requested. Over 2,600 people have attended the programs to date this year.
- The two to three-hour Bibliomation session held on February 14th was very helpful and many staff concerns and questions were answered.
- Adult programs: 7 attended "7 Things to Improve Your Health", 40 were present for the Belly Dancing and 8 for the film. "Chocolate Truffles Made Simple" will be held on Tuesday, February 25th at 6:30 PM. "Exploring Ancestry - Library Edition" is planned for 3:00 PM and 6:30 PM on March 27th. This will be a demonstration and discussion led by Rick Kane, who has used Ancestry to build his family tree to 2,000 names. The Equinox and the Arts XIX will be held from March 22nd through April 25th with the reception on Friday, March 21st at 7:00 PM. The book discussion has been rescheduled for the third time due to bad weather.

Children's Librarian's Report: Linda reported

- *Time for Stories* continues on Mondays at 10:00 AM for twos and threes. *Read, Rock and Rhyme* continues on Wednesdays at 10:30 for infants to 24 months. Linda is encouraged that she is seeing new faces in both programs.
- Received a \$500 grant to support and education parents on the importance of *Conversational Reading* with their children. The grant was made possible by the generosity of Mr. Andrew Eder of Hartford, CT, who spoke at a seminar presented by Diane Frankenstein who wrote an incredibly insightful book, "Reading Together: Everything you need to know to raise a child who

loves to read.” All attendees received a copy of her book, the grant money and plenty of inspiration.

- Linda has begun booking performers for Summer Reading and was fortunate to be one of the first 10 applicants to receive a free program (generally \$400) from *Purple Rock Productions*.
- At “Take Your Child to the Library Day”, Rick Stromoski’s “Cartooning for Kids” workshop had a smaller attendance than it did last year because he asked that Linda limit the number. Linda had been disappointed that the book discussion she had planned for tweens had no interest but she found that with the tweens helping out with the younger children, she is able to keep them connected with the library and its activities.
- Upcoming Programs:
 1. Mo Willems’ stories and crafts – Tuesday, March 4th at 6:30 PM. Ages 4 and up.
 2. Children’s author, Marilyn Davis – Saturday, March 1st at 11:00 AM – she will be sharing the inspiration that led to writing her new book, “Maddie and Beanie’s Magical Journey”.
 3. Blanket Tying Event to Benefit CCMC’s Pediatric Oncology Ward – Saturday, March 29th at 10:00 AM. Sponsored by Troop #65510.

Bylaws – Nothing

Budget – Reviewed the prepared presentation and noted minor changes. The public hearing on the budget will be held on March 11th at 7:00 P.M.

Facility/Equipment – Purchased a new presentation stand, a camera and a laptop. As to the facilities themselves, the area around the back door needs attention. There are frost heaves and the cement pad is cracked. With the weather we are having it gets icy and is prone to flooding. The selectmen have been informed.

Personnel – Nothing to report

Friends of Jonathan Trumbull Library – The February meeting was canceled. They are planning for the art show and are looking for artists.

LCBA – Alicia reported that their January meeting was well attended as Joyce gave her ‘state of the town’ address. Their February meeting was canceled.

Publicity – Linda noted that they are getting more and more positive responses on Facebook.

Library Trust Fund – Nothing has been heard by any of the organizations.

Building Committee – Jim Russo contacted Julie to let her know that there would be a meeting this month and there will be preliminary discussions on what needs to be done to cut back on the renovation plans.

Unfinished Business – Fund Raising was discussed. Three volunteered to work on a committee to begin to move forward with ideas. Mary, Maureen and Berkeley will decide between themselves when is best for them to meet.

New Business – Nothing to address

Hearing no other business, motion made by Alicia Wayland and seconded by Michelle Kersey to adjourn at 7:41. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen D. McCall, Secretary