

## **DOROTHY ALLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

TRUSTEE MINUTES FOR JUNE 20, 2022

### **UNAPPROVED**

**Present:** Karla Karstens, Steve Perkins, Diane Downer, Shari Westman (online), Barbara Mieder; librarians Jane Kearns and Lori Ledak

**Absent:** Charity Clark, Brian Goodwin

**Secretary's report:** The secretary's report was approved without corrections.

**Treasurer's report:** There were no transactions.

**Friends of the Library report:** The Friends are in the final planning stages for the July 4 book sale. Barbara urged the Trustees to volunteer to help, and Jane passed around a sign-up sheet.

**Staff report:** Lori Ledak, Program Services Librarian, reported on very active programming since she was hired last summer:

- There are 3 book groups running with average attendance of 8-11.
- The New Perspectives group changed its focus and became an online book group.
- The After Hours Book Club (average attendance 3-5) meets in different venues.
- There was a speaker from the Vermont Humanities Speakers Bureau in March (attendance 11).
- The meditation group (average attendance 11) meets on Fridays, and this is also recorded.
- The Ayurveda class is going well, and this is also recorded.
- Cook the Book is not yet back to pre-pandemic levels, but the group is experimenting with different formats and cookbooks.
- The craft kits are still very popular (50 kits produced per month).
- Unfortunately, the February Family Fun Night was not very well attended.
- The Crafternoons are very successful.
- Teens have requested future programs involving both teens and adults.
- The Current Events and Mah Jong Groups continue to be active.
- The Inter-Gen reading groups took place this year, but there were problems due to the continuing pandemic.
- There is an adult reading program taking place this summer alongside the children's reading program.
- Blind Date with a Book (theme: Don't judge a book by its cover.) was successful and will be offered again
- The class on how to use "Libby" was successful and will be repeated.
- The Williston History Walk was "sold out" with 16 participants.
- Spanish Online is continuing, and at the request of a patron a French conversation group is starting.
- Puzzle swaps are continuing.
- Brain Games ("think outside the box") have been popular.

- There was a partnership program with the South Burlington Library about foster care.

The Trustees complemented Lori on all that she has accomplished this year.

### **Report on Community Center and Library Space Scoping Study:**

Erik Wells, Town Manager reviewed the memo which he will be presenting to the Select Board regarding the establishment of a steering committee to discuss the need for a community center and the need for additional space for the library. The Trustees discussed the memo with Erik and offered the suggestion of more library input into the selection of community members for the steering committee.

### **Current budget report:**

- The Trustees looked at the report for May. The goal was 91%, and spending is a bit under budget at 86%; however, we should end the fiscal year on target. Gas for the bookmobile has already had an impact on that line item.

### **Librarian's report:**

May statistics:

We added more patrons than usual in May, a trend we hope to see continue. Circulation is creeping back to pre-pandemic levels. As was noted in previous months, Hoopla is showing the largest increase.

Operations updates:

- The volunteer appreciation ice cream social was well-attended.
- The Big Blue Trunk kick-off of the summer reading program was very successful despite the weather. One hundred children and 85 adults were in attendance.

**New Business:** None

**Old business:** None

**Executive session:** The Board entered executive session at 8:20 to discuss the performance evaluation of the Librarian. The Board came out of executive session at 8:45

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

**Next meeting:** August 15, 2022, at 7 p.m. (no meeting in July)