

Groton Free Public Library

1304 Scott Hwy

Groton VT 05046

March 13, 2019

The duly warned meeting of the Library Trustee's August 14, 2019 was held at the Groton Free Public Library, 1304 Scott Hwy Groton VT 05046.

Attendance for the meeting:

Debra Tinkham, Wade Johnson Jr., Alissa Smith and Jodi Fleurie-Wohlleb.

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

The agenda was approved.

Minutes from June were approved with a proposed change to the text, a section was typed in bold and we agreed it would be best to have that section not in bold type. Alissa made the motion to accept the minutes from June without the bold type, Wade seconded.

Financial Report:

Alissa asked that the librarian make sure her time sheets totaled 22 hours every week. Trustees discussed thanking Gary Lamberton for his many hours helping the library transition from one internet provided to another as well as installing our new computers. We decided to thank him with money from the Library's account, \$200. Alissa will let Lisa Hart know about this decision and follow up. Trustees also agreed to reissue a reimbursement to our past librarian; this will be the third and final check as the previous two checks for this reimbursement have been lost.

Librarian Report:

Jodi reported that we had our closing program from the Summer Reading at BMU. The patrons of GFPL met the 1000 book challenge! Friends will be purchasing pizza for an upcoming movie event for kids. Jodi has noticed an increase in children with care takers on Wednesday mornings and will initiate a story hour during that time. The Zookeeper show gave us \$193 in donations, though it was noted that the space at Artesano did not give us

enough room for the performance, and in the future maybe we could utilize the Methodist Church for a performance venue. Looking at where we are in our budget for the year it we have already used a substantial amount of money from our "Postage" line, due to an increase in ILL. Jodi reported that GFPL was denied access to the courier service that would have saved us money on shipping ILL books. Debra motioned to accept the Librarian Report and Alissa seconded.

Computers/WiFi:

The issue of parental controls on the patron computers was brought to our attention. We will make an official statement on maintaining freedom of speech at our next meeting, and check with Gary Lamberton to assure that the patron computers uphold our statement.

Space Issues:

Jodi discussed her plans to change the back room, off of the current Young Adults bookshelves, in a permanent Arts and Crafts room. She also proposed switching the Kids Room with the Young Adults, to see if this would make the sitting area more comfortable.

Fundraising:

It is important for board members to make a strong appearance at fundraising events. It is not the responsibility of our Librarian to manage these events. We would like to have our annual appeal mailed out in early November. Jodi will see if there is a way to extract only new patrons names from the computer to add to our mailing list for appeals.

Elevator:

Jodi inquire if any action has taken place in regards to getting the elevator working, and Alissa said that there had not been any progress.

New business/Final Comments:

Trustees would like to write up a letter for patrons to sign and deliver to the Select Board, giving support for keeping our library as it is. The hope is to bring further awareness to the Select Board how important our library is to the town.

Trustees would also like to extend appreciation to the Groton Food Shelf; they donated food to the library to use during the summer to help provide healthy snacks to our youngest patrons who have been on summer vacation from school.

Meeting schedule:

Library Trustees will meet next on September 18 at 6pm.

Meeting concluded at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Alissa Smith, Treasurer