

January 11, 2021 - 7pm. Regular Trustees Meeting

Eve Ermer, Fern Strong, Billie Smith, Mark Bomalaski, Jean Wolfe, Ben Wolfe, Mariah Lawrence, Marsha Higgins

Community Members: Todd Tyson, Kathi Terami, Theresa Fitzgerald, Caitlyn MacGlaflin, Michael Krauthamer

Eve called the meeting to order at 7:02. She asked to move the community input until later in meeting while we wait for the community member to join meeting. Fred Pond want to share information about getting an energy audit for library.

Secretary's Report

Corrections and additions made to meeting drafts (Regular Meeting Dec. 14, 2020, Special Meetings Dec. 21, 2020 and Jan. 5, 2021) sent to board members before meeting. Minutes accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Becky hasn't updated the December budget. Eve's spreadsheet has undated expenses that Becky hadn't added yet. Billie spoke with Becky to correct the category for some deposits. Eve had questions about Courier grant money and it was suggested that it be put under postage in the budget. The warrant to be signed includes Spaulding Press and fundraising postage to go under fundraising line item. Eve will share her spreadsheet with the trustees. The December time sheets and warrants for November and December will be sent to the trustees that sign them and then sent to Becky. Billie shared that she and Fern are closing in on the fundraising donations. The newly printed thank you note will be picked up from the printer this week. The total money received to date is \$7510. Out of 225 appeal letters sent out, we received 77 donations.

Librarian's Report

The library has been very busy. 18 more books from the grant have come in and now total 103. The titles have been posted on website. Some new books are visible in the windows of the children's room and on a book shelf visible from the porch. Mariah is using the mini grant from the CLIF grant to start a Generation Connect book club. 33 people have signed up with grandparents and grandchildren participating. Packages went out and the first program will start in 3 weeks. The book is titled: Wolf Called Wander. Becky Hoyt has made a video for members of the book club to share a painting class. Mariah has been applying for grants including a Technology grant. Story Walks continue at the Fair grounds with the school children participating. The library will share these Story Walks with other libraries in the future. The Friends of the Tunbridge Library are supporting this as their project this year. Jean said that the new courier service is being well used and the library is getting low on courier bags. She will contact them and see about getting more. Jean put forward a suggestion regarding the current morning

hours. Perhaps changing them to only Mondays during pandemic. The board will put this discussion on February agenda.

Old Business - None

New Business

The TQ article submitted regarding Jean's retirement was not published. We will send it to Janet Zug to put on town Facebook page. Billie will update it and send to her and we will see that it gets published in the next TQ in April. Community member, Kathi Terami, suggested other places to publish.

Select Board member John O'Brien called Eve on December 29, 2020 to see if we had changed the date of January 4 special meeting to the 5th. Also, he asked about possible appointees to replace outgoing trustee. Eve told him we would not be suggesting anyone and those who might be interested should contact Select Board directly. John O'Brien called her again on January 8 to say that they would put on their agenda to formally accept the trustee's resignation at their next meeting on January 12, 2020 and he also shared the names of people who had sent letters as possible replacements.

Community Input

Eve read email from Fred, since he did not attend, regarding Efficiency Vermont audits. Todd Tyson talked about the interest in auditing all town buildings. He said he would look into it and will report at our February 8 meeting.

Action items

Eve will attend the Select Board meeting on January 12 to see if they intend to appoint a replacement trustee that evening. Eve will also send warrants and time sheets for signing to Billie and then Fern, who will send them to Becky. Billie will modify Jean's retirement letter and send to Janet Zug. Eve will also share her spreadsheet with board members. Billie will pick up thank you notes from printer this week. Eve will ask Becky to put Courier grant money under postage, and also let her know when grant money comes in.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Next Regular Meeting: February 8, 2021 7pm

Hiring Committee Meeting: January 18, 2021 7pm