

March 8, 2021 - 7pm. Regular Trustees Meeting

Anita Abbot, Fern Strong, Theresa FitzGerald, Mark Bomalaski, Michael Krauthamer, Mariah Lawrence, Marsha Higgins

Community Members: Anna Dechert, Todd Tyson, Betsy Gaiser, Kathi Terami, Sean Maher, Nicole Antal

Theresa opened the meeting at 7:03.

### **Community Input**

Community members shared with Theresa their comments regarding the viewing of trustee meeting minutes as they appear on the library web site.

### **Secretary's Report**

Grammar corrections and additions made to meeting draft of the 2/8 and 2/22 meetings sent to board members before meeting. Minutes accepted as corrected. Fern discussed the issues with the trustees Gmail account. Mark and Theresa's devices have been blocked by account. Hopefully, by turning account over to Anita using new recovery data and new password, issues will be resolved so all new members can access the account.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Theresa shared the most recent warrant with trustees and had previously will send out the time sheets to board members for signing. She will send out the warrant to board members for signing. Theresa submitted the library budget drafted by Eve to the town for inclusion in annual report and vote at town meeting.

### **Librarian's Report**

Jean is ill and unable to attend. Theresa spoke with her and her input was to thank the volunteers who have stepped up to help out at library and to say that she is in favor of opening the library to appointments again soon. Mariah shared that the connectivity grant would enable the library to purchase two Chromebooks and one laptop to lend out to patrons. The Generation Book Club will be starting up again using the grant money and 39 people have signed up. Another rural library CLiF grant will enable the library to present a program at the school by author Jason Chin preferable in June. The courier service is being handled by Marsha and is going well. The Dr. Seuss books will be labeled to let people know that some have outdated cultural depictions.

### **Old Business**

Election of officers - Anita volunteered to take over as secretary as Fern's resignation will be effective March 31. Michael agreed to take over as chair.

Theresa spoke about the energy audit that she and Todd conducted remotely with Paul Grenier the Efficiency Vermont consultant. It was quite extensive and brought up quite a few issues to be addressed by the library. Some problems were big and some more easily done by volunteers. Theresa and Todd shared some of the findings and people discussed options. Theresa will share the entire report with the trustees and call on the

assistance of Ben Linehan for his recommendation on water heaters, etc. Todd and Fred Pond to have input with these issues, also.

### **New Business**

The library staff would like to reopen the library by appointment starting on April 1st. Jean and Marsha will have already been vaccinated and feel comfortable. After discussion, it was agreed and voted to allow appointments with Covid protocol for one person to browse and/or use the computer. Also, for one or two people from same household to use the community room for 20 minute appointments to access the library's wifi. Still no meeting can be conducted in the community room. The appointments can also include access to the booksale in basement.

The new trustees introduced themselves to community members present.

Discussion then ensued regarding the assess to the board meeting minutes. Some community members find them hard to scroll through. Theresa spoke with the Select Board's admin assistant, Wendy Palthey, regarding the feasibility of using their live link to pdfs. The town's web master, Geoff Hansen, will be consulted. No exact time line decided, but, board voted to move forward with plan. Discussed also, was need to archive old meeting minutes.

### **Update from Hiring Committee**

Trustees and committee members proposed and discussed need to charge committee with presenting the candidate they recommend to trustees after interviewing, etc., hopefully before town meeting in May. Trustees voted to approve and also voted to include Marsha as a permanent member of the hiring committee. Fern's place on the committee will be taken by Anita to act as secretary. The committee will meet on March 15.

### **Action items**

Theresa will forward signing of warrant to Mark and then to Anita, who will send to Becky. Fern will shift secretarial log in information, etc. to Anita. Theresa will contact Ben Linehan to assist with audit information from Efficiency Vermont. She will contact Geoff Hansen for help with revising access to meeting minutes. Mariah will post the information regarding the April 1 reintroduction of appointments during the afternoon and Saturday morning hours on the website and Facebook page.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38.

**Hiring Committee Meeting - March 15, 2021 at 7pm.**

**Next Regular Meeting - April 12, 2021 at 7pm.**