

Friends of the Weathersfield Proctor Library

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Present: Mark Richardson, Director; Robert Topolski, President; Ginger Wimberg, Vice President; Debbie Gibbs, Secretary, Barbara Putnam, Judy Topolski, Polly Bergeron, Polly Bacon, Pat Nash, Phil Davis, Dortia Davis, Cookie Shand, Ernie Shand

Absent: Melissa MacKenzie, Counselor at Large, Ann Parent, Treasurer

Bob called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Deb read the Secretary's Report and Ginger moved to accept the minutes as read and Barbara seconded. The Ayes have it.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance from April 23, 2019 \$1,240.48

Receipt:

Dues: \$139.00

Book Sale: \$1,295.45

Donation: \$100.00

Interest earned: \$ 0.07

Total Receipts: \$1,534.52

Subtotal: \$2,775.00

Disbursements:

Demco for Display Panels \$108.94

Robert Holtorff (bookshelf) \$400.00

Conference Registration

Reimbursement \$ 50.00

Total Disbursements: \$558.94

Total as of June 26: \$2,216.06

Director's Report

Mark discussed the possibility of opening up the attic for more space. The Board of Trustees toured the attic to take a look. He explained that there are two nice alcoves with windows for seating area. This area would be used for meetings/speakers. A stairway would need to be installed and an elevator for handicapped use. This would be part of the Edge Program. There needs to be a particular amount of square feet per town population.

Summer Reading Program is off to a good start and the theme is Exploring Space along with the 50th anniversary of the Apollo launch.

The Fishing Derby was held on the same day as the Book Sale. 48 kids attended the event at Grauld Pond. The Windsor Bass Fishing Team stocked the pond and trophies were awarded.

Mark also mentioned that having the book sale early in the year was a good thing.

Fund Raising Committee

Cookie reported that the Summer Evening with Friends event is scheduled for July and all are excited about it coming up.

Also, with the help of Ken Poland \$257.15 was made at the yard sale.

Old Business

Bob began a discussion about membership fees and questioning why there are so many categories. He also discussed the possibility of raising the fee.

It was agreed upon that the categories should go from 5 to 3 -Individual, Family and Special Friend.

Individual would be \$5, Family would be \$10 and Special Friend would be \$25 and up. Ginger motioned to accept this change and Barbara seconded. The Ayes have it.

Sally Harris will be asked to reprint the membership brochures before the Summer Evening with Friends.

There was also a discussion regarding renewal times to pay memberships. It was decided that this subject would be put on hold until Ann Parent is able to attend the meeting.

Bob also discussed how often to have the book sale and when. Mark suggested perhaps changing it to every two years. Bob thought it should be yearly.

Mark also explained about disposing of old books donated for the sale. The library cannot count on an exemption at the recycling center. Many of the books remaining after the sale were donated to the Weathersfield Historical Society for their Frippery which is hold once every two years. It was also suggested that the books can be donated to the prison.

Mark remarked that the books received this year were in much better condition than previous years.

He also told the Friends that John Waite has donated much of his time sorting the books and he is holding on to some books to investigate their worth. He believes one book in particular may bring in \$800.

New Business

Barbara asked about purchasing a banner to display at book and bake sales, Summer Friends, and Trunk 'n Treat, etc. Ginger agreed that this was a good idea to purchase a reusable banner not to cost more than \$150. The banner should read Friends of the Weathersfield Proctor Library and be green and white. Barbara moved to authorize Mark to purchase this banner and Ginger seconded. Ayes have it.

Bob then went on to ask for help in obtaining e-mails to properly contact people. The website was also discussed and they would like to put a "Friends" link on the library website. This link would also include the "donate" icon for people to donate to the Friends committee. Bob would also like to put the agenda for the next meeting on this site to incentivize more people to attend. Barbara motioned to approve this website change and Polly seconded it. Ayes have it.

Bob also asked about making up bookmarks to be handed out with the Friends of the Weathersfield Proctor Library name and information them. Mark said Sally Harris can redesign the book mark and it can be handed with books at the library.

Mark asked the committee to approve \$75 to pay to the Vermont Humanities Council for a new speaker, Dr. Damian Costello, who is an expert on Native America and will talk about Black Elk, medicine man, who was a cousin of Crazy Horse. Ginger moved to allocate the funds and Deb seconded it.

Mark then discussed and requested \$600 to build a new desk for Judy to match the traditional looking woodwork already in place in the library. Bob Holterff will be the builder. The \$600 is partial payment while the Trustees will pay the balance. A plaque will also be placed on the desk for Bob to identify him as the builder. Ginger moved to accept this request and Barbara seconded. Ayes have it.

The next meeting date and time was set for Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30 pm.

Ginger moved to adjourn this meeting at 5:40 pm and Polly seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Gibbs