

Board of Library Trustees
Minutes 09/18/2013

Present: Jeanne Ivas (Chair), Kathryn Mudgett, Mike Yee, Christine Smith, Victor Posada, Becky Freer (Director), Judy McConarty

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Jeanne at 7:05 pm.

Minutes: Minutes from the August meeting were approved as written.

Reports:

Director: Becky reported that there were over 6,000 visitors during the month of August, which was an increase from the previous year. Numbers were also up for new patron registrations and unique visitors to the website. Staff did an excellent job collaborating with the schools to prepare for summer reading demand. They improved the organization of summer reading books, making it easier for patrons to find needed titles.

Financial: Judy reported that expenditures were in line with expectations for this point in the fiscal year.

Friends: Becky reported that the fall fundraiser will be held on October 5th, in conjunction with the closing of Fred-the-Shed. The fundraiser will include a book sale, pumpkin raffle, nail art, bake table and other activities. Proceeds will go toward new furniture for the children's area. The library will send out a news blast to promote the event.

Old Business:

Behavior Policy: The board voted unanimously to approve the Appropriate Library Use Policy (formerly Behavior Policy) as revised by Becky.

Selectmen's Meetings: Jeanne said she will serve on the library/town hall building committee being formed by the Board of Selectmen. Discussion of a new library is expected to continue and trustees were asked to take turns attending Board of Selectmen meetings to ensure library representation.

Sunday Hours: The board discussed changes to the personnel by-law that would be needed to address compensation of all library staff who work on Sundays. Becky will ask other libraries about their Sunday hours practices. Becky and Kathryn will work on a proposal to be presented to the personnel board.

New Business:

Town Meeting: Fall town meeting will take place on October 7th. If funding for a new police station is approved at town meeting, voters will have to approve a debt exclusion override in a special election on October 19th. Selectmen may speak to groups at the library about town meeting articles.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm. Recorded by Judy McConarty