

Bent Northrop Memorial Library
Trustee Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2016

Present: Laura Fulwiler, Albert Tetreault, Susan Casavant Magnan, Jennifer Archambault

Call to Order: 4:40 p.m.

Guests: Bridget Howrigan Rivet

July Minutes

Motion to approve (AT, SM)

Minutes Approved

Treasurer's Report:

Amanda was unable to be present at the meeting.

Amanda sent the monthly financials for the Board to review.

Board reviewed budget and financials.

Librarian's Report:

Due to Bennington Battle Day the Library was closed during our regular August meeting.

Sarah provided a written monthly report of Library programming, operations, and professional development. Board reviewed the report and have no questions at this time. Full report is attached.

See attached for complete Librarian's report.

Old Business:

Action items from July meeting were reviewed and have been completed.

New Business:

Reviewed feedback from Select Board regarding our funding request (salaries and benefits of library staff) be included in the town budget as municipal employees.

The Select Board has considered our request and the question of funding will go to the voters in March. The trustees need to decide if the question will be presented and voted on via Australian ballot or from the floor.

Action Items:

Laura will ask Sara to collect value statements from patrons

The trustees must make a decision on Australian Ballot or vote from the floor

Decide on next steps related to the request (work will begin on this in October after the To-Bid event).

To Bid Event:

Bridget provided an updated of progress on To-Bid event.

Posters are done and ready for distribution

Goal is 100 attendees and 100 auction items!

Action items:

Susan will distribute posters.

Jennifer will send a request to Ben and Jerry's, and follow up with Tammy Johnson, Wellness Massage Institute, the Berksons, Woven Meadow Market.

Bridget will ask Sarah to advertise on Facebook and Instagram.

Bridget will follow up with Kerry to ask her to help with solicitation from 158 Main, Village Tavern, Doe's Leap, Boyden's.

Albert will follow up Jenny Fournier regarding a cake donation for the noisy auction.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

To-bid event

Select Board

Policy Review, if needed

Next Meeting:

September 20, 2016

Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn (LF, SM)

Meeting adjourned 5:44 p.m.

Programming:

Past Programs

- Summer Reading Programming
 - Handed out over 100 summer reading “Bingo” sheets
 - Weekly Tuesday programs were low attendance
 - Playgroups were well attended - an average of 10 - 15 kids each time.
 - Thursday drop-in makerspace. An average of 4 people stopped by each day we did this. Will start this up again with school year and continue throughout the year. I think this will work well with after-school crowd.
 - Dance with Ashley - Artistic Dance program - 7 kids attended.
 - Summer Celebration - chain reached from the library to the school (just barely!) so we had a big water fight at our summer celebration. Jill Ballou (the new principal) joined in the fun, which gave the parents an opportunity to meet her. The Big Blue Trunk also was at the library with giant slingshots, obstacle courses, bubble machines, and balloon animals. Fun day! Around 20 kids attended.
- Pat Esden Book Talk - Though 8 people took books and said they were going to try to attend, we ended up with no attendance. In the future, for events like this, I will collect an e-mail address when giving out the book, so I can e-mail a reminder before the event.

Coming up!

- September 8th at 6pm: September 22 “Food for Thought: Fermentation” with Bobbie Flack
- September 22nd at 6pm: "Off Target: What Hollywood, Journalists, and Shooters Get Wrong About Guns"
- Regular Playgroup starts August 31st. I am working with WIC to have it listed as a WIC approved activity. Families receiving WIC need to attend a certain amount of these approved activities to be eligible for benefits. Hopefully this partnership will draw in new families and help meet a need for our community members.

Updates:

- New Vermont Associate worker: Jackie Battoe - she is doing great!
- New Instagram Account - Follow us @bentnorthrop
- Will be attending FCS Kindergarten Orientation on August 25th with backpacks/ school supplies from Building Bright Futures

Professional Development:

- Beyond the Job Description: Ten Practical Tips for the New Rural Library Director
- Make, Do, Share: Build a STEM Learning Community