

Bent Northrop Memorial Library
Trustee Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2017
Draft

Present: Albert, Susan, Laura, Bridget, Jennifer and Amanda

Call to Order: Albert called the meeting to order at 4:38

Guests:

Treasurer's Report:

Amanda presented monthly financials

Amanda updated the Trustees on the refinancing of loan. Refinancing has occurred and 2017 payment has been made.

Morgan Stanley fund balance is favorable.

Bridget requested that the Growth Fund be changed to Friends Contribution

Librarian's Report:

Sarah gave the trustees her monthly report. See attached for full report:

Adult programming: Food for Thought/Soup Making with Bridget.

Providing after school programs 4 days per week.

April will feature beer making

Planning for Summer Reading program

Old Business:

Reviewed action items

New Business:

Discussed the process relative to town meeting and the library article.

The library warning is article #6. When the article is read, we will be given the opportunity to speak about the article.

What is our story? We need to highlight our process: stewardship of the endowment (financial analysis by Morgan Stanley), building a strong relationship with the SB, understanding state statute regarding municipal library, our value to the community.

Action item: Laura will pull together a draft of a hand-out and send to trustees for feedback.
Sarah will work on the info graphics

Agenda for Next Meeting:

Town Meeting Debrief

Next Meeting:

March 21, 2017 @ 4:30

Adjourn: 5:50 p.m.

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Programming:

Past Programs

- Food for Thought: Soups! With Bridget - 6 attended
- Drawing with Ms. Wolfson - average of 6 kids each week
- Special storytime with Mr. K - Feb. 8th - around 10 kids plus parents (BBF funded)

Ongoing Programs

- Weekly Open Maker Space - Wednesdays 3 - 5pm
- Playgroup - Wednesdays 10 - 11:30am
- Lego Club - Thursdays 3 - 5pm
- Sign Language Club - Fridays 3:15 - 4pm

Coming up:

- Food for Thought: Confirming presenter - March 9th. April will feature Merrill Hersey from Open Barrel Homebrew Supply.
- Special storytime with Mr. K - Wed. March 15th, 10am
- Essential Oils: Teresa Curry, March 23rd: 6pm
- Tuesday After School Programs: Tinkering (starting on March 21st), Cinco De Mayo (starting on April 18th), Mr. K (starting on May 9th)
- Beginning to book summer reading performers! Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, Reptile Love of Vermont, Tom Joyce (magic). Received \$200 grant from department of libraries to used towards a performer.

Updates:

- Town Meeting: working on handout. Will also bring slideshow, books to giveaway.

Professional Development:

- Vokal Training
- Service Excellence in Challenging Times