

Robert A. Frost Memorial Library
Library Board of Trustees
Minutes
January 12, 2016

Present: Barbara Gallagher, Mary Webster, Nancy Ward, Jean Bernier, Larry Tardy, Helen St. Pierre

Others present: Lisa Dale, Librarian

1. Meeting called to order at 4:15 by Barb Gallagher, Chair.
2. Approval of previous minutes dated November 28, 2015. Moved by Larry, seconded by Nancy.

3. Old Business:

75th Anniversary: The Board discussed the Trustee Statement for the History celebrating the Library's 75th Anniversary. Mary had edited the History for Pat Thompson. Pat will be up next weekend. It was decided that the Trustees as a group do not need to meet with Pat to discuss the History.

We will hold events for both adults and children quarterly to celebrate the 75th Anniversary. We will hold a silent auction/open house the week of 4th of July. Themed Baskets (made by the Trustees and hopefully the friends as well) will be on display a couple of weeks before the auction. Lisa will ask our Board of Selectmen and our representative for a Proclamation similar to the ones the Library received for the 50th Anniversary celebration. We will read the proclamations at the Silent Auction. Lisa and Angel will continue to look into finding a Maine/local author to hold a reading and book signing.

O'Bar Reading Corner: Lisa found an idea for rain gutter bookshelves. We will need someone to put them up. She will solicit donations for the gutters and child sized chairs or couch on Facebook. We have some posters to hang on the wall and will look for frames for the posters.

DVDs: We will be getting 4 paperback spinners from the Fort Fairfield Library and putting the movies on those racks. Lisa should be able to pick them up this week.

Heat Pump & Furnace: While we are currently saving money on both our fuel and electric bills, it is difficult to determine a true savings as the weather has been milder than usual.

4. New Business:

Christmas Activities: Stories with Mrs. Claus was attended by 12 children. They listened to stories by Mrs. Claus, had cookies and punch and made an ornament. The Adult Craft Night was attended by 20 people. Led by Jane Griffeth, they made Birch Wreaths. Lisa asked if we could make the Craft Night a quarterly event if Jane was interested. Mary volunteered to talk to Jane.

We are still working on getting the Astronomy Club off the ground. We are working on scheduling and determining participant interests. There will most likely be a meeting later in the month or in February.

Story Hour/Daycare visits: While Lisa continues to visit the Cuthbertson Daycare, Storytime is not being attended. Therefore, weekday storytime will be officially cancelled. Lisa asked if there were any objection to opening one or two Saturdays a month to provide a story hour. There were no objections. The Board did mention, as it will not be the Library's regular hours, that it would need to be advertised well in advance. Barb also stated that it should not be held on the second Saturday of the month as that is when the Friends of the Aroostook Wildlife hold their Children's Activity.

Lisa will contact the Barnes School in Caswell to arrange a visit from the Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten classes.

Winter Fun Day: The Rotary Club's Winter Fun Day will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016. The Library will have an Arts & Crafts booth.

5. Other:

Little Free Library: Lisa would like to start a free book exchange in the Spring. There is an organization called Little Free Library (<http://littlefreelibrary.org/>). Possible sights for the exchange are in front of the Library, Michaud Park and the Dawn Barnes School in Caswell. The library would set it up and check to make sure it was stocked. Initial stocking would come from book sale books that have not sold.

Mid-year Budget Meeting: The Mid-year budget meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20 at 6:30 pm at the Town Offices. The Trustees agreed to meet again before the March meeting if needed for budget purposes. Lisa would like to increase the training/travel budget for next year to support professional development.

Maine State Library Annual Report: The Maine State Library Annual Report is due on April 1, 2016. The report is extensive. Lisa is working on completing the report.

6. Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

7 Movement to adjourn the meeting was made by Mary and seconded by Helen. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Bernier,
Secretary