

EXETER PUBLIC LIBRARY
Trustees Meeting Minutes

April 26 ,2022

1. Call to Order: 6:00 pm Mary opened the meeting with a roll call.

Present: Lisa Wilson, Laura Wyskiel, Mary LaFreniere, Barbara Young, Kathy Corson, Paula Sears, Hope Godino

Absent: Jenny Medlock, Linda Tober, Denise Leonard

Guests: 0

2. Correspondence: None

3. Minutes from the Previous Meeting: Barbara mentioned that under *Slate of Officers*, there needs to be a change from “Chairs voted on unanimously” to “Officers voted on unanimously.” The minutes were then approved AS AMENDED.

4. Reports:

a. Director’s Report: Hope spoke about the “Exeter Reads John Lewis” event on Friday, April 29th at 5:30 pm at the Town Hall. There are also new passes for patrons including The Fells, Castle in the Clouds and Bedrock Gardens. John Forti was here tonight with an introduction about Bedrock Gardens in Lee. There is an April Showers book display that has been popular. The puzzle table is back. Knock on Wood is a guitar and mandolin duo that is doing a baseball themed program on May 17th. Beginning May 5th, there is a Let’s Talk About It Grant on Women’s Suffrage. Books are still available. Nicole Ellis has her art on display for April. Ten Piscataqua Painters will be on display for May with a book signing on May 12th from 4-7 pm. The three gaming consoles for the teen room were used during April vacation. There has been an increase in teen attendance. Teens in May will make indoor smores, play the game “Hangry” and write letters to soldiers for Memorial Day. The children’s room has seen more activity as well. Sewing club and Lego club are very popular. Vacation week had scavenger hunts, slime making, a family movie and open art.

b. Operating Statement: The chairs are in. The chairs for the meeting room are not in yet. Kathy asked if the utilities have gone down since the renovation. Hope mentioned that the gas has gone down but that the electricity has stayed the same. There is also a commissioning agent to check all the mechanicals. He will continue to keep tabs on everything until September. The pennies that are collected will be rolled with some of the children soon.

c. Building and Grounds: The ceiling over the tunnel for parking should be finished around the middle of May.

d. Finance and Fundraising: No money came in this month.

e. Long Range Plan: Nothing to note at this time.

f. Personnel and Policy: It was discussed to make sure anyone that was working on a committee write up an explanation of what that role entailed. Changes to the guidelines and rules were passed around. There are changes being made so we have the month to go over them and they will be discussed at the meeting in May. There have been some complaints about the current guidelines which brought forth the changes.

g. Friends: The Friends had a successful event over at Seadog Brewing. The people that won prizes needed to stop by the library to pick them up. The Friends will also be back at the Farmer's Market as well as a YMCA Event.

h. Social: There will be a Staff Appreciation Dinner on Friday, May 6th at 5:15 pm. Lisa has most of the food set, she would just like help with drinks and desserts. Mary offered to bring iced tea and lemonade and Laura said she could make a dessert to drop off. Trustees are invited as well.

5. Continuing Business: None

6. New Business: Committees are all set for the year and all trustees have chosen their committees.

7. Closed Session, if necessary: None

8. Public Comment: None

9. Adjourn: The Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm.

The next meeting will be held on
Tuesday, May 24 ,2022 at 6pm at the library.