

Exeter Public Library Trustees Minutes November 21, 2017

Present: S. Canty, L. Haslam, M. Lafreniere, D. Leonard, J. Peschel, B. Young, H. Godino

Absent: M. McEntee, P. Sears, L. Wilson

Public: Pam Darlington

Call to Order:

- 6:32 pm. Barbara opened the meeting with a roll call.
- The minutes of the October 2017 Trustees' Meeting were accepted with one change. Jim noticed that the minutes said that the Director's evaluation was passed out but, in reality, the evaluation was emailed to the Trustees.

Correspondence:

- Barbara read three thank you letters written to or about library staff members.
- Barbara then read two old letters to Trustees, one from 1986 and one from 1988 concerning building our new library at 4 Chestnut Street. One was written before the library was voted on at the Town Meeting and the other was written after the new building was built.

Directors Report:

Our intergenerational movie program, **Movie & Munchies**, showed its second selection, Goonies on November 9. Future **Movie & Munchie** dates are December 6, February 14, March 13 and May 9. In December the film will be Jumanji to coordinate with the release of Jumanji 2: Welcome to the Jungle.

EPL LOVES YA continues to draw teens into the Young Adult area. In November teens made monster faces with Halloween face paint, played board games in our "Game On" event and made slime creations while screening the original Ghostbusters. On November 30 teens are invited to join in a Hunger Games scavenger hunt.

Our teen book groups had their meetings on November 19 due to Veterans Day. The 11 year-olds made squire shields with their own coat of arms inspired by the book The Squires Tale. Our 12 & 13 year-olds played a Wolf Hollow inspired bingo game. The High School Book Group discussed D. J. MacHale's SYLO. On December 9 the 11 year-olds will read Over Sea, Under Stone. The 12 & 13-year-olds will read Shadow & Bone and the High School Book Group will read The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy.

Family Storytimes (all ages) are held every Monday & Thursday at 11:00 am and are enjoyed by all! Preschool Story Times (ages 3 yrs. old & up) are held every Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Open art is every Monday and Friday from 11:30-4:30 pm. Craft programs are open to all ages. Materials and instructions provided.

BOOK GROUPS: The groups meet the second or third Saturday of each month from 9:30-10:30 am. Books being read for the month of December are : for Book & Art (6-year-olds), The Littles, for the Book Bunch (7-year-olds), Violet Mackerel's Brilliant Plot, for Dewey's Book Club (8-year-olds), Escape from Baxter Farm, and for the Page-Turners (9 & 10-year-olds), Rump, The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin.

Children ages 8 and older meet once a month to sew. This month they are sewing a quilt.

Both of the library's Adult Book Groups handed out their finalized 2018 book lists. On November 8, the Evening Book Group discussed Vanessa Diffenbaugh's We Never Asked for Wings. On November 15, the Morning Book Group discussed Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte. November 29 at 1:00 pm the 1939 film Wuthering Heights will be shown as part of the Morning Book Group and Evening Book Group's discussion on this classic text. The Evening Book Group will be discussing Wuthering Heights during their December 13 book group and the Morning Book Group will discuss Barbara Demick's Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea.

Tech Teach, free one-on one technology lessons, are extremely popular. We offer these lessons on the first Monday of the month 5-7 pm and on the last Friday of the month from 10 am to noon. Give us a call for more information and to sign-up for a lesson.

The outreach book talks are ongoing and remain extremely popular with a steady attendance at each visit. We are taking suggestions for future titles from each group we visit.

We are continuing to show movies on the first and third Mondays of the month alternating a newly released movie with a classic film.

All our programs are free and open to the public

Operating statement:

- The operating statement was accepted. There were a couple of Excell formula errors on the report that Hope will fix by next meeting.
- The salaries looked to be the same as last month but that is because the town has a new municipal accounting system and there are still some bugs in it. It should all be fixed by next month.
- Hope said that the library is right on target for this time of year.

Building, Grounds and Technology: -0-

Finance and Fundraising & Long Range Plan:

- Denise reported that, so far, the Annual Appeal has brought in \$3800 +/- .
- Denise reported that she received a call from Ann Schieber from the Exeter Historical Society asking that a \$5000 loan from us be written off. Hope gave the history of this loan.

A few years ago, the Historical Society came to the Board of Trustees to ask for \$5000 to help them publish Nancy Merrill's book, Exeter New Hampshire. The Trustees decided in good faith to loan them the money to be returned when they sold copies of the book. No money has yet been returned. The Trustees have mixed feelings about writing off this loan. Since they still have questions, it was determined to invite Ann Schieber and others from the Historical Society to our meeting in February. Denise will invite them.

Long-Range Plan:

- The CIP meeting went well. Anthony helped that night and the complete renovation passed with an 8-2 vote.
- The Trustees will meet with the Select Board on January 16 after the next Trustees Meeting. The Selectmen will determine if they will recommend that it be put on the ballot for the residents to vote on.

Personnel and Policy:

- Hope passed out a copy of our Internet Access and Unattended Child Policies for the Trustees to look at and discuss at the next meeting.
- Jim had some concerns and corrections for the Financial Policy that was passed out at the last meeting. Since Hope did not get the email from Jim, he said he would email her with his concerns and questions. This too will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Mary asked that Trustees give their evaluations of the Director to her.

Social: -0-

Friends:

- The next Friends meeting will be December 12 at 7:30.
- They need a new treasurer and a Facebook editor.

Continuing Business: -0-

New Business:

- Hope says that the Trustees need to look at the wage scale for the library and possibly update it.

Next Meeting: January 16, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned 7:25 pm.

Pam Darlington