

Leach Public Library Board of Trustees' Meeting May 14, 2019

The following were present: Judy Jackson, Gretchen Bittner, Phillis Mosher, Molly Veysey, Laurie Green-Holland, Robin Kay, Evelyn Kennison. The meeting was called to order at 10:34 am.

Robin Kay, a prospective member of the Library Board, was welcomed to the meeting.

A discussion of the library rug was an addition to the agenda. Librarian Colette Houle reported that someone has tripped over the rug, so Laurie suggested the rug be removed and there be no rug until a new one can be purchased. There is actually a need for three area rugs. Judy asked everyone review a website with discounted rugs.

The minutes of the April meeting were signed.

Claire Jaquish has resigned from the Trustees. It was agreed to get a \$50 gift certificate from Nature by Design as a gift for her. Phillis has a thank-you card which everyone will sign to give with the gift.

Judy reported that the University of Irasburg was very successful with 15 classes and 95 students. Many good comments and press releases were received. It was felt that one month is long enough to hold the event. Gretchen stated that improvement is needed to assure that people to sign up actually attend the classes. Judy suggested that email reminders could be used. Sue Vanhouwe was praised for the website information and updates which she posted very quickly.

A new sign will be put on the Common as soon as possible. It will have changing notices to inform the public about upcoming events. Danielle Ingalls will change the information.

A resident has asked to use the basement of the library for painting classes with paying students. Molly stated that the Fire Marshall would not approve because of the lack of exits. It was decided not to give permission for these classes.

Tricia Ingalls, the Spanish professor from U of I, would like to continue classes upstairs in the library at no charge. She would meet once a week. It was felt that the classes should be held when the library is not open. Judy will contact Ms Ingalls about this.

The Town Hall was not used for any U of I classes. Town officials and the library are hoping to make the Town Hall more available. Judy suggested that next year a class could be held about the architecture of the Town Hall, with Molly and Tom Stelter as professors. The group felt that \$25 per class would be a reasonable charge for the Library and Enrichment Programs to pay for use of the Town Hall.

Only three students have signed up for summer enrichment programs. Gretchen suggested a deadline of June 10 could be set. Robin will see that notices go out from school about this.

The Library Board can have seven members. Robin Kay has been approached and said she would like to join. Margie Morley has also expressed interest in being a member of the Board. Judy will attend the next selectboard meeting to ask them to appoint Robin Kay and Margie Morley to the Library Board of Trustees.

The Selectboard has adopted the Town Plan. Judy expressed thanks to all who worked on this during the past few years. For the next step, Judy will get 25 copies of the plan printed. She will also apply for a grant to have more copies made to send to people in Town. At this point, Irasburg will apply for "Designated Village Center Status" which will make it easier to apply for much-needed grants. Tom Stelter will be helping with this.

There was discussion about the landfill in Coventry. The many diesel trucks going through this town to the landfill and their affect on the roads and people were mentioned.

Ron and Gloria Boucher, a former Irasburg resident, visited a library meeting in December of 2018 and were anxious to help the Town in some way. Judy will be contacting them. Another member of the Boucher family wants to give a donation through the Dolly Parton Foundation as a memorial to his sister. This Foundation gives books to every child in town. He will meet with the selectboard on May 28 and the library trustees should attend.

Richard Armore will be contacted about Irasburg's Village Center Designation by Judy.

Expense reports were signed. A revenue of \$260 was reported from general sources and enrichment programs. Expenses of \$1045.36 included \$79.68 for utilities, \$92.00 for maintenance, and \$873.68 for enrichment programs. Salary for the librarian was \$693.00.

It was decided to have a reading of Howard Mosher's works on June 2 at 2:00 pm at the library to honor his birthday. Judy will contact other libraries about this.

The next meeting will be on June 11, 2019 at 10:30 am. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Submitted by
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