

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Leach Public Library
Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Trustees in attendance: Teresa Piette, Judith Jackson, John Miller, Cheryl Hogan,
Gretchen Bittner, Kate Ives, Brian Arant

Absent: Phillis Mosher

Staff in attendance: Trisha Ingalls, Colette Houle

1. John Miller called the meeting to order at 7:02pm
2. Public Comment Period: No public comments.
3. Consent Agenda:
 - a) Minutes of the August Meeting
 - b) Finance Report
 - c) Directors Report

Discussion: Library has received schematic from Coe Architects, Trisha will print out so members of the Board can review proposed additions to make library accessible, and discuss at next meeting. Board agrees that entering into a partnership with Galaxy books in Hardwick to make it possible to order books locally is a great idea. Bathroom renovations have been completed. New hose bib has been installed on the exterior of the building, is it frost free or does it need to be winterized in some way?

John moved the consent agenda, Brian seconded. Motion passed, all in favor.

4. Treasurer and Accounting discussion
 - a) Grant Funding accounting

Trisha plans to meet with Danielle to sort out accounting for Grants, it may be important to provide a detailed end of year accounting to the various Grant providers. The Board needs a Treasurer, Cheryl Hogan has agreed to take the role. She will get in touch with Molly Veysey to learn more about the position. Intention to elect Sheryl to the role of Treasurer and Kate to the role of Secretary will be warned in time for the next meeting.

5. Enrichment programming 2022-2023 School Year

OCSU now has its own after school enrichment programming, which negates the need for the Library to offer a full complement of options for children. Gretchen suggests that the Library offer several scheduled events throughout the year, possibly seasonal, or on weekends. Gretchen will start a list of ideas, and teachers, other Board members will add to the list. Teresa suggests checking with the Vermont Council of Humanities for ideas and possible speakers. Other possible ideas include a Book Club, Flower Arranging, or Painting Classes. The Board hopes that it will be possible to run the University of Irasburg in the spring this year. Trisha is investigating ways for the library to become more involved with IVS. Would it be possible to have a path or sidewalk from the Library to school to make walking between the two buildings safer?

6. Harvest Fest

Irasburg Harvest fest will take place on October 1. Trisha will create a flier asking for edible donations from the community for the Library's Edible Auction, to be distributed to the school, posted online etc. Colette will organize a table with crafts for kids. Kate will help set up tables and displays on the day of the Festival, Gretchen will inquire if Ray will be willing to be the auctioneer. Some donated items may be available for purchase immediately, bake sale style, as many people last year were not interested in staying for the auction at the end of the day. What hours are the festival when should donations be dropped off, what time should the auction take place?

7. Gratitude Event

Judith has ordered 200 daffodil bulbs which will arrive in time for fall planting. The event can be further organized when the bulbs come in. Gretchen will make a sign to put in the ground explaining the significance of the daffodils.

8. Other Business

It would be helpful for the Library to purchase a pop up tent/Canopy for use at the Edible Auction and various programming during the year.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm on a motion from John.