

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Leach Public Library, Irasburg, VT

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

In attendance:

Trustees: Molly, Gretchen, Judith, Kate, Trisha

Staff: Colette

Absent: Phillis

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Molly.

2. Public Comment

No members of the public present.

3. Consent Agenda

Approved unanimously.

4. Financial Update

The Library needs a treasurer. Currently, no member of the Board of Trustees feels comfortable taking on that role. Trisha suggested Jeanette Powell, the new Director of the Jones Memorial Library in Orleans and offered to reach out to her.

As a backup, Paul Decelles was also proposed.

No financial report today.

5. New Business

- a) Book sale update: Colette said the sale is going great so far, especially with parents and teachers reaching out to get themed books. Many people say they are coming into our library for the first time because of the sale. We have sold approximately \$300 worth of books to date.
- b) VT League of Cities and Towns Inspection Report Findings: These items are nearly complete.
- c) Fall Harvest Day Fundraiser: September 25th. Kate will take the lead organizing the library's participation in this town-wide event. Suggestions included a "Cake Walk" and "Irasburg Eats." Judith will send posters from last time we participated for guidance.
- d) Green Mountain Library Consortium: We are right on time to start this online subscription service in January of 2022. For more information visit: <https://gmlc.org/index.php/gmlc> and see attached document regarding MANGO language learning services available via our subscription. These are wonderful new resources for our community!

6. Enrichment

- a) Grant Update: See attached report.
- b) First sub-committee meeting: Kate will reach out to all sub-committee members to schedule a date for our first meeting, preferably over food and drinks.
- c) Fall Semester Enrichment Programming. Typically enrichment programming starts in October and runs for 8-10 weeks. Some ideas that might be more COVID-friendly:
 - Painting class for November art show;
 - Book club
 - Board games

- Arts and crafts with Bonnie

7. Library Director

- a) Job Description: Trisha moved to approve the Library Director Job Description as written; seconded by Kate, all in favor.
- b) Select Board Meeting: It was agreed that we should develop a communication strategy before attending a Select Board meeting to discuss the funding needed for the Library Director position. Judith will draft the communication strategy for our next meeting. We should emphasize that it is "Our Town's Library" and a hub for community, as well as much needed meeting space. Some other things to consider include the guidance from the State of VT regarding library directors, the importance of a staff member for bookkeeping, and the potential of having someone to manage a capital project should we secure funding to rehabilitate the building.

8. Other Business

No other business.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m. on a motion from Judith.