

Leach Public Library

Leach Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Attending: Margie Morley, Gretchen Bittner, Molly Veysey, Laurie Green-Holland, Judith Jackson, Robin Kay

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM

- Additions and Deletions
 - Need to continue shopping for new rug ... to honor Claire Jacquish ... idea to help with payment of rug - "sell" pieces of rug; Gretchen will pursue options via Erugs online
 - Molly shared a letter from Vincent Finney, VT Council of Humanities, re possible speaker at U of I - talks about Levi Allen ... Ethan Allen's "black sheep" brother
 - Concerns re stepping over the embankment from the road to the library sidewalk
 - Judith is going to request this be added to the next Selectboard agenda for discussion and possible solution ... such as the walkway in front of the town hall
- Consent Agenda
 - January minutes signed
- Public comment - none
- Elect clerk for Board of Trustees
 - Judith asked Robin to take on this position, all others supported and Robin agreed to be clerk
- Energize Vermont - dates for Becca White to hold office hours at the library **changed** from 2/3/2020 and 2/17 to **2/17 and 2/22 for 5 hours each day**
 - Judith will advise board of the actual hours and will be responsible for opening and closing of the library for these hours
 - Gretchen will continue to put together request from the library for
 - Storm windows
 - Foam insulation
- Report on Library staffing
 - Collette will still need coverage for Saturday afternoon hours while her husband continues his recovery
 - Coverage schedule below:
 - February 15 - Judith or Phillis
 - February 22 - Judith
 - February 29 - Robin
 - March 7 - Molly
 - At the March 10 meeting we will look at future needs
 - Collette has been compiling a list of needed supplies - list will be given to Town Clerk, Danielle, for ordering.
 - If there is a preference as to where specific supplies are purchased, this should be conveyed to Danielle (e.g., Amazon, Walmart, etc) along with the link to these items

- Discussion of budget cut
 - To help with the overall town budget, the library was asked by the Selectboard to reduce our budget by \$2500. Via email, trustees had agreed to do this under Repairs and Maintenance.
 - To make up for this cut, possibly do fundraiser(s) during the year

- Report on Enrichment Program
 - Praise for publicity from the Chronicle
 - Side note - great story by VT Digger for the Old Stone House
 - Sewing class update - going smoothly ... for boys and girls alike
 - Thanks to Peter Limon and others for their assistance

- Update of University of Irasburg, Season 2
 - Robin added to the Board of Regents
 - Judith (or Gretchen?) will check out supply of t-shirts still available for instructors
 - Confirmed that instructors provide needed supplies at their own expense
 - Judith still looking for cribbage instructors - Robin volunteered to teach
 - Judith will send email to trustees re potential classes at this point

- Report on Village Center Designation
 - Judith reported that NVDA advised 1st meeting of those who approve application (committee from Dept of Housing and Commerce) will be on the 1st Monday in March (3/2/2020)
 - Judith and Town Clerk, Danielle Ingalls, will plan to attend
 - Judith listed items needed for this meeting
 - NVDA will be doing the necessary mapping

- Discuss library memorial for Evelyn Kennison
 - Discussion tabled until Phillis can be part of this discussion

- February expense report reviewed and approved

- Date set for March board meeting ... March 10 at 10:30 AM

- Meeting ended at 12:00 PM

- Minutes submitted by Robin Kay