

Leach Public Library Board of Trustees' Meeting January 8, 2019

Attending were: Judy Jackson, Gretchen Bittner, Laurie Green-Holland, Phillis Mosher, Claire Jaquish, Evelyn Kennison.

The meeting was called to order at 11:12 am.

There were two additions to the agenda. Laurie told the group she had \$275, the profit from the Gingerbread Open House. After Judy's call to Danielle Ingalls, the money will be taken to the Town Treasurer.

For the second addition to the agenda, the group talked about Ronald and Gloria Boucher's meeting with the group in December. They have contacted Judy and said they need time to think about their donation to Irasburg. Judy will write them and suggest three possibilities for helping our town: a scholarship for a senior at Lake Region Union High School, a scholarship for young people enrolled in the Enrichment Program, and subsidizing the printing of the Irasburg Town Plan.

The minutes of the December meeting were signed.

Judy and Molly attended a selectboard meeting to request a \$1000 increase (to \$24,000) in the library's budget. The selectmen were very agreeable to this.

The group talked about the article which Laurie will write for the Town Report. Items mentioned included the Enrichment Programs, the Howard Frank Mosher celebration, and the use of the library as a meeting place for various groups. Fund-raising ideas were also discussed.

A group of trustees met on January 7 and cleaned out a room in the basement. Many boxes of books were taken to recycling, and there are more to be taken. Several bags of garbage were taken to the Town's dumpster. Everyone was happy with the clean-out.

A proposal for University of Irasburg classes was discussed. This will be modeled after a program in the Town of Bethel. Judy will talk with folks from that town. Anyone from Irasburg can teach a class or a series of classes in the month of March. The selectmen were supportive and said the Town Hall can be used. There will be no cost to take any of the classes. Some of the ideas mentioned were: Ken Johnson-home security, Phillis Mosher-birds and flowers of Irasburg, Peter Limon and Molly Veysey-canning, Gretchen Bittner-mosaics, Heather Jarrett-gardening, Trisha Ingalls-basic Spanish, Margie Morley-cutting up a chicken or painting, Jennifer Edlund-bread making or herbal remedies. It was felt that the website should be involved in informing people about this. Judy and Phillis will get together with Sue Vanhouwe to discuss this.

The group talked about a date to move the encyclopedias to the corner by the computer. No date was set; it will be decided at a later time. Judy mentioned the idea of a press release about these old volumes and their value.

The expense reports were signed. There were two amended reports, July and December. The January report included expenses of \$471.86 for utilities, \$160 for enrichment, and \$726 for salary. There was also \$1160 income from Enrichment.

Replacing the oil tank was the next item discussed. Laurie has not heard from Bill Dority, but will contact him again. Judy stated that his should be done as soon as possible.

The upcoming Enrichment Programs were talked about. Enrichment enrollment forms will go out to students today. A Child Social Contract is a part of this form, and will hopefully eliminate bad behavior experienced in the past. Molly left information about a \$1000 grant from NCSCU for the Mind & Movement yoga classes. Another grant from CNB will sponsor Superflex, a Kindergarten program with six participants that began last Tuesday.

The next meeting will be on February 12, 2019, and will begin at 10:30 am, earlier than the previous meeting time. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Submitted by Evelyn Kennison