

Leach Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting November 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 11:08 a.m.

Present were: Judith Jackson, Gretchen Bittner, Molly Vesey, Laurie Green-Holland, and Phillis Mosher.

Additions to Agenda:

Molly asked for clarification on the payment of the VEC bill. It was confirmed that the newest statement, which included the current as well as previous month, was accurate and should be submitted for payment.

Gretchen said that the after school programs for next semester, yoga and jewelry-making would require some reorganization of the basement. She has sorted through a number of books which appear to be moldy, but will wait for Laurie's approval before discarding them. Board members will be available to assist in cleaning shelves, etc., as needed.

Molly would like to apply for an Art and Facilities grant to make the basement handicap accessible by creating a direct entry from outside.

Phillis will try to find out if towns can apply for the Community Promise Grants that are designed to promote child interests.

Also, Molly learned that it would cost about \$1,800 to coat the basement with flame-retardant foam through the local NP Foam. This would potentially eliminate the mold problem.

Ron Boucher, who grew up in Irasburg (his mother, Cora, had a perpetual yard sale that many older residents remember), stopped by to visit with Laurie. He was impressed with both the library itself and the after school program and would like to make a financial donation. Just how he might best be of assistance will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Gingerbread Open House was briefly discussed. It will be held on the 24th of this month. It will appear on the library website.

Library web page invoice submitted.

Our librarian is back from sick leave. We are relieved and happy to have her.

Reference corner is ready for books.

It was decided to check with Fred's Energy to see if they will honor their October quote to replace the oil tank. It is possible that there could be some rebate through Efficiency Vermont.

Gretchen mentioned that, occasionally, some of the after school participants are not fully invested in the projects. This creates a difficult situation for the instructors as well as other children. Creating a pre-enrolment contract for acceptable participation that would be signed by the student seemed like a reasonable plan. Also discussed was how to best proceed if it might be necessary to dismiss a student.

Judith would like to see the establishment of a "University of Irasburg" month during which local folks would share their interests and skills with anyone wishing to come to a "class." Bethel, VT,

has had success doing this, and our town has lots of knowledgeable people who might be willing to teach a class or two.

Marget Maldonado would like to offer a holiday flower-arranging class to adults. Possibly the 22nd or 23rd of December.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 13, at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm