

Leach Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting December 11, 2018

The following attended: Ronald and Gloria Boucher, Judy Jackson, Phillis Mosher, Laurie Green-Holland, Molly Veysey, Evelyn Kennison.

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am. Judy introduced the Boucher's. They attended the meeting to see if projects they are considering fit the needs of our library.

Mr. Boucher explained that he grew up in Irasburg, and now lives in South Burlington. He said he wants to help young people here recognize there is a world beyond this town, and break down barriers that may exist. Mrs. Boucher, a former school nurse, spoke about problems she has observed in her work and how they affect young people everywhere. He asked for three top needs for the town.

Laurie mentioned the need for accessibility for the library building and for the rest room. A few ideas were discussed briefly.

Judy talked about the new Town Plan and its approval (after two hearings to be held next year). Printing the final Town Plan, at a cost of \$7,000, would be another need. She went on to explain how important this Plan would be when applying for grants to help with future plans for the library.

Molly felt that more access to after-school programs is another need. The cost of these activities is sometimes more that some families can afford.

Mr. Boucher asked about a student who might need more financial help. He stated that he was given many opportunities and wants to "give a break to some who need it." Molly and Phillis could help identify possible students. The Bouchers are planning to help one particular young woman.

Everyone was very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Boucher for coming to the meeting and for their interest in Irasburg and its young people.

As an addition to the agenda, Laurie reported that income from the book sale was \$235.75. She has used some of this money to pay Brittany Berry, and gave receipts for this to Molly.

The minutes of the November meeting were signed.

The budget for 2019 was discussed. Molly reviewed the budget that will go into the Town Report. It was decided to increase the budget for fuel by \$500, and increase the Enrichment Program by \$500 to cover the administrative costs of Molly and Gretchen Bittner. Judy and Molly will go to a selectboard meeting to ask for this increase to \$24,000.

The trustees agreed to post the draft of the Irasburg Town Plan on the website for the library. Judy will send a copy to Sue Vanhouwe. It was also decided to add an account line in the expense report for "contract services" to include website expenses.

Laurie reported on the oil tank replacement. She is still waiting to hear from Fred's Plumbing & Heating. She would like to get another quote from Bill Dority. Everyone agreed to this. Laurie also mentioned the quote should include moving the gas line.

Molly reported on the Enrichment Programs. All the activities have finished for this year. New programs will begin with one class in January and others in February. Some of the classes include yoga, 3-D design, outdoor activities and ceramic jewelry. Judy mentioned a contract to hopefully avoid unwanted behavior. Molly will add this to the signature page of the enrichment form. It will state that students will be terminated from the program if the behavior does not improve.

The expense reports were signed. Income was \$523.40. Salary for the librarian was \$594.00. Total expenses were \$2,783.74, which included \$83.94 for utilities and \$1478.80 for Enrichment Programs.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2019. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Submitted by Evelyn Kennison