

Minutes of the Leach Public Library Board of Trustees

Monday, June 13, 2022

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by co-chair Gretchen Bittner.

Present were: Gretchen Bittner, Trisha Ingalls, Judith Jackson, Brian Arent, Kate Ives, Colette Houle and Phillis Mosher

2. Public Comment Period

No members of the public present.

3. Consent Agenda

May minutes, Finance Report and Director's Report all pre-approved

4. New Trustees

By unanimous vote, all three applicants, Cheryl Hogan, John Miller, and Teresa Piette, were accepted to the board. Judith Jackson will now ask the select board to appoint them until they can be voted in at the next Town Meeting.

5. Summer Programming

The "Oceans of Possibilities" flyer went out to the school and has been posted in several locations. The flyer highlights the many new and continued offerings that this library affords its visitors:

Mindful Messes Day Camp, for which there are currently 11 enrollees, will be held at the library from July 11 to July 15. The camp will be run by Bonnie Kolber and received a \$200 grant for food from a Jay Focus Group grant. Thank you, JFG!

Summer Story Hour begins on Friday, July 22 and will run through Friday, August 26. The hours will be 10:00-11:30. *The board is delighted to learn that Laurie Green Holland will assist Colette, supplying her famous library cookies.

E-Books, computer access, internet availability, printer use and books in Spanish for adults and children are always available during library hours.

6. Spout behind library for raised-bed gardens

Currently, Maureen Cleveland has voluntarily dragged several yards of hose across two properties in order to water the gardens. Judith Jackson will enquire of the Irasburg Water Board whether it would be possible to create a faucet either on the back wall of or behind the library. Gretchen suggested that anticipation of a possible addition to the library at some point should be considered when planning the location of the faucet. Brian Arant wondered if there might be grant funding for installation of a faucet.

7. Book Orders – process review

Henceforth, Collette and Trisha will collaborate on selecting books, present the list to the library board for approval, and then Trisha will give it to the town clerk.

Colette suggested that we check with the town clerk to see what is left in the library book budget for this fiscal year before ordering more books.

Trisha will immediately apply for a Community Foundation grant to go towards book purchases.

8. Other Business

Gretchen suggested that we attend to the furnace issue (it is very loud) this summer so it will be in the best working order as well as up to safety standards when cold weather gets here in the fall. She will call Butler's and arrange for them to do the work.

Trisha will visit with the town clerk about the possibility of aligning the electricity billing cycle with board meetings so that we don't appear to be constantly in arrears.

Currently, Colette has a spot on her desk where she puts incoming bills. They are then picked up and delivered to the town clerk.

Colette asked if we could reinstate the regular Saturday library hours on the sign outside the library. Gretchen will make that correction. In addition, we will explore possible ways to improve the looks of the sign on the large electrical box to the left of the library.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 6:46

Respectfully submitted, Phillis Mosher

