

Leach Public Library
Leach Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Attending: Margie Morley, Gretchen Bittner, Molly Veysey, Judith Jackson, Phillis Mosher, Robin Kay

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM.

- Additions and Deletions
 - Becca White from Energize VT was “thrilled” with the paperwork we had presented to her re insulation (thank you Gretchen for doing this!). Looks like the insulation will be a go ... we will need to cover 10% of the cost. Becca will continue to check into the storm windows.
- Consent Agenda
 - February minutes signed
- Public Comment – none
- Report on Town Meeting
 - Judith reported a great turnout for the soup and bread
 - People who are new to Irasburg were in attendance
 - Meeting was record length in duration ... just under an hour ... no School Meeting due to consolidation of schools. School meeting will be held separately.
- Discussion of filling vacant Trustee position
 - Judith shared that Cheryl Stelter was nominated at Town Meeting. She was not present and it was not known if she was interested – therefore not voted on. Board members in agreement that Judith should contact Cheryl re accepting position.
 - If Cheryl is not interested, another suggestion was Marger Maldonado
- Report of library staffing schedule
 - Saturday afternoon coverage still needed
 - 3/14 – Phillis
 - 3/21 – Robin
 - 3/28 – Gretchen (1 – 2:30); Judith (2:30 – 4)
 - 4/4 - Judith
 - 4/11 – Molly
- Update on University of Irasburg
 - Website is awesome ... thank you Sue VanHouwe!
 - Misc. note – 95 students in 2019
 - Discussion re those who had signed up for Margie’s Paint and Sip through the Enrichment Program will be reimbursed as it will be offered at no cost through the U of I
 - 20 classes ... Judith will give reminder to those who sign up to show up ...
 - Flyers will be sent home via school students
 - Posted on Town sign board
 - Notice going in the Chronicle
- Discuss library memorial for Evelyn Kennison -
 - Update on new rug ... memorial in memory of Evelyn Kennison.
 - Gretchen working with Memphremagog Press to create a poster which will show rug in sections that can be “purchased” in memory of Evelyn. Judith will share this idea with Laurie Greene-Holland, library director, for her input.

- March expense report reviewed and approved
- Visit from Regional Librarian, Lara Keenan
 - Presented each member with a copy of A Manual for Vermont Library Trustees from the Vermont Department of Libraries
 - Lara gave a brief description of the responsibilities of her position
 - Tasked with supporting libraries and their trustees
 - Works for the state; travels the entire state; based in Barre, VT
 - Judith gave a brief history of the library, past and current devoted librarians, and current programs including visions for growth ... transferring from “traditional library” to more of a place for community e.g., Wi-Fi access, Enrichment Program, U of I
 - Highlights of visit ... which are many ...
 - VT Library Association – a non-profit advocacy and is separate from Regional Librarian
 - Facilitates regional meetings of library directors – we have not participated as yet
 - Regional Trustee meeting – Judith took Laura’s email address to request that we be added to their emails regarding this – possibility of a fall meeting
 - Combination of Albany and Craftsbury libraries
 - Automated card library
 - IVS has program ... possible to combine with them?
 - Needed to accomplish this? ... time and money
 - Josh Muse is IT consultant at VT Dept of Libraries ... helpful contact
 - IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) – grant monies available for libraries
 - Harwood Institute – process to engage community to learn what community wants/needs/how to ... listen to each other.
 - Judith has knowledge of this ... process amazing but costs \$\$\$\$
 - Build on Town Plan
 - Parker Palmer, American author, educator and activist who focuses on issues in education, community, leadership, spirituality and social change (description from Google). Books recommended by Lara ...
 - *The Courage to Teach* (1997)
 - *Healing the Heart of Democracy: The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit* (2011)
 - VSA Statues Title 22: Libraries, History and Information Technology – look for 1986 standards ... check them when applying for \$\$\$
 - Transfer to new Library Director
 - Laurie Green-Holland will be moving out of Irasburg in the next year (or two?)
 - Lara (Keenan) can provide aid/direction with this change
 - Laurie should be making a list of her tasks as Director
 - Already working on this ... see December 10, 2019 meeting minutes
- Date set for April meeting ... April 14, 2020 at 10:30 AM
- Meeting ended at 12:30 PM
- Minutes submitted by Robin Kay