



Alice L. Pendleton Library Trustee Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2015 – 1:30 PM

Meeting opened. Present were Jack Coffin, Kathy Kerr, Suzanne Small, Cynthia Hanson and Sarah Randlett. Library Director Linda Graf (ex-officio) attended as well as Toby Martin.

Minutes of the September 9th meeting were read, modified and accepted.

Librarians Report:

The water pump that was problematic last year has been replaced and the water line has been insulated. As a result of these projects, the driveway was graded.

The island papers (including those from 1988 that were located) have been sent off to be digitized.

The school children are not coming to the library this year.

The town continues to have quarterly staff meetings as well as safety meetings that include paperwork to regain membership on the leader program at Maine Municipal. Sara Runnion-Bareford has been named head of the safety committee.

A total of three requests were made to the Friends of the Alice L. Pendleton library. They honored the request to digitize island newspapers. The Lego request was fulfilled by Jack Coffin. The library still hopes to purchase a 3D printer to encourage creativity in adults and children as well as to utilize the functional applications of it.

The library's Facebook page continues to keep people informed of upcoming events and programs.

Linda attended the MLA annual conference. There were many programs including creativity and engineering and the future of libraries. E book readers have declined in popularity.

Cathy Toran alerted Linda to a "free for libraries" ABCmouse.com, an online educational program that includes math, reading and art. Personal users have to pay but it is now available for free at the library. Linda has to enter a password before the children create an avatar that keeps track of their progress from visit to visit.

Mad Scientist vendor will kick off the upcoming children's summer reading program.

The state library has a book scanning machine that Linda can use for free.

Knitting for Giving is underway as is a program of coloring for adults for stress release.

Sharon Schinagle will return for another program.

An upcoming event will include a tutorial and Lego challenge.

Toby Martin asked if it would be possible to host a program that would invite all island organizations to come and share their educational vision. As long as the date doesn't conflict with another program, it is fine. The event organizer is responsible for all publicity and arrangements.

Volunteer Report:

The library needs some really dedicated people who can be called upon if either Linda or Jennifer is out. A formal substitute list needs to be established.

Chair Report:

The installation of a water spigot on the garden side of the building has been approved.

Jack demonstrated a Blind and Disabled book reader to Boardman Cottage and reported that they now have a membership/subscription.

The garden shed has been built. The Friends ran into a cost overrun. They asked the library about helping with the expenditure by using the remaining funds in the Hunter Fund but the monies are not intended for large projects. The Trustees voted unanimously to use the Hunter Fund to purchase annuals for spring planting 2016 so that the Friends won't incur that expense.

Children's Report:

Monthly programs started back up in October.

October – no kids

November – six kids – Alligator theme

December's theme is Imaginary Friends

The program is now being mentioned on the school's daily announcement that is emailed to all parents.

Walkway Report:

Kathy Kerr reported that the brick project is complete although there is one brick that still needs to be replaced. The campaign was successful. Thank you Kathy for all your efforts.

Financial Report:

None.

Friends Report:

Meeting minutes of their December 2015 meeting were circulated including a flyer about the Mad Science presentation that will kick off the summer reading program for the children.

Next Meeting – March 9, 2016 9:00 AM

Meeting Adjourned