

Meeting Opened. Present were Jack Coffin, Kathy Kerr, Suzanne Small, Sarah Randlett, Cynthia Hanson (via Skype). Library Director Linda Graf (ex-officio) attended as well as Lindsay Higginson (via Skype).

Minutes of November 19 meeting were read, modified and approved.

Librarians Report:

Two of the Friend's winter programs were well attended. The third program was postponed due to lack of water.

Linda has been working on the annual report for both the federal and state.

The budget contains monies for the new server but not the software. The Friends have monies available if there is a need for support in obtaining said software.

Summer Children's Reading Program theme is heroes. Everyone be thinking about possible parade ideas.

Book discussion groups have been going well. March's selection is 'The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry'.

Sharon Schnagle, early literacy advocate, is going to try to get here in May for a couple programs. Nancy Wuori, current preschool director, has been consulted to see what dates could work in hopes that some preschool parents will participate.

It is possible that we will ask the Friends for funds for a 3D printer and the software it needs at some time in the near future. At the forthcoming "Tech Zoo" there will be samples of one to see and play with as well as the children's AWE computer.

There is a problem with the security box that was installed in 1993. It is constantly beeping. The estimate to update is \$4200. Trustees agreed to go ahead.

Linda thought the furnace was broken. Jay T Zlotkowski came and hit the re-set. It fired on briefly. He worked on the furnace replacing a couple of parts. A few days later, March 4, came in to discover no water. Jay T came to check it out. He determined that the pump was not the problem. The line was frozen between the well and the building. Worked many hours trying to thaw it out. No water for the weekend. Worked on it Monday. No luck. Wednesday it finally set free. It was necessary to run some water every day until the frost was out of the ground in an attempt to prevent a refreeze. The Friends have funds available if a heat coil for the line, as suggested by the plumber, should be installed. Jack will send a big thank you note to the plumbers.

Chair Report: None

Jack nominated Suzanne Small for Vice Chair and Sarah Randlett for Secretary. Both accepted the nomination and the board unanimously approved.

Jack reported that Jim Buck is not around. After several inquiries, he determined that Alice Fay will be returning.

Building & Grounds:

Building repairs are mentioned in the Librarian's report.

Jack moved the WiFi sign out of the plow's way.

Town still picking away at painting projects.

Linda commented on the nice job the snow removal people did in light of the quantity received.

Financial Report:

Town reported the brick account balance as \$4,084.59. Dr. Hunter fund balance \$716.40. If the bluestone was paid from that account then the balance will be \$216.40.

Children's Programs:

November – Eat a Cranberry Day – seven kids

December – New Book Month – one kid

January – It's a Snowy Day – three kids

February – no program – it was a snowy day

Suzanne and Sarah will try to coordinate a program at the preschool in an attempt to draw more kids to attend.

One idea on how to get more kids participating is to give the parents something to do as well.

Summer Story Time stats:

2014 – 10 programs – 47 kids/37 adults

2013 – 3 programs – 12/11

2012 – 8 programs – 47/28

2011 – 5 programs – 20/8

The time didn't seem to affect attendance. Hoping to coordinate story time to include the preschool. Lindsay asked about Tarratine Tots. Linda said they used to take books out weekly that went along with their theme of the week. Lindsay agreed to reach out to them to see if involving them in story time is something they are interested in.

Library Needs:

Security box upgrade and well line heat coil.

Lindsay Higginson has the Friends' board approval to distribute funds for internal needs. Jack and Linda acknowledged their appreciation for their generosity. Both sides agreed to keep communication lines open.

Volunteer Report:

No report.

Garden Report:

No report.

Friends' Report

The school is going to help open the gardens again this year. They will plant the annuals. Katie Heckel coordinates this all with Ryan Martin the horticulture teacher.

The Friends are considering giving a scholarship to students who volunteer inside if there is a need. She is going to reach out to Jacob Howell, the leader of community service group at school. All in attempt to get more school kids involved.

The Friends have allocated \$25/month to be spent on cookies/cake/etc. for hospitality for the weekends.

It was reiterated that the Friends are on stand by and happy to support in any way necessary.

They are still looking for a scanner that produces manipulative documents.

Unfinished Business

Kathy Kerr will prepare a final brick financial and time frame report.

The Friends will have Craig Olson look at the scrapbooks.

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New Business

Book sale will be July 18th. Set up on the 17th. Leftover sale the 19th.

Actions Summarized

Need to find someone to work with Cynthia to organize and to find readers for summer story time. Lindsay will inquire to see if there are any friends interested.

Suzanne will reach out to Cami at the preschool about coordinating a possible time do a program there.

Next Meeting May 20, 2015 9:00 AM

Meeting Adjourned