

Fletcher Memorial Library

Board Meeting May 1, 2014

Present: Chair, Margaret Haraghey, Regina DeCesare, Sonja Larsen, Lee Astin, Stan Crawford, Luciann Norton, Sue Hockstetter, Anne Christie, Linda Gorman, Library Director

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.
The minutes were accepted as submitted.

Librarians Report:

Linda initiated contact with 3 volunteers from HES for a summer reading program for ages 3-6 to be held at the library, with a suggested theme of "Summer in the Garden". This could include author/craft projects or any offerings they might be interested in providing. She is hoping they get back to us. Stan will bring it up at the school board meeting to try to garner interest in the program.

A new potential volunteer came in by the name of Morgan Mara.

Marc Kelley has brought in books, and as he cleans out houses, is often in the position to acquire books that have been left. He will bring them when he comes across them. \$10.00 was made last week from the book sale shelf.

There were 109 visits to the library last month, 202 books withdrawn, 77 videos, 50 audio books and 72 ILLS.

A letter came in from Jim Ryan who was disappointed that we are not having a book/bake sale this spring and has generously offered to match proceeds from a sale in the future. He would wish to be anonymous.

Linda will be away June 11-14. Coverage has been arranged as follows: Wed: Anne 12-3, Sue 3-6. Thurs: Sonja 9-12, Jean 6-8. Fri: Sonja 9-12. Sat.: Sonja 9-12, Anne 12-3.

Asst. Librarians Report:

Sonja wondered whether we might benefit from more signage to direct people to the library. Margaret is going to talk to the town selectman to discuss moving the weather-worn "Hampton" sign to town hall and replacing it with a Library sign. Sue pointed out that the sign size cannot exceed the square footage of that at the General Store.

Treasurers Report:

Luciann has created a more comprehensive breakdown of accounting catagories. This presents a clearer accounting of costs that had previously been buried in broader catagories. For instance, she has created a Landscape/Gardening line, as well as a Membership Dues line. This should also make it easier for the accountant. She has already dropped off our tax info to the accountant which is due May 15. She is still trying to set up bill paying on line.

Maintenance Report:

Stan (as well as Anne) helped Mike Chapel spread mulch on the garden beds. The material that will be used to cover the asbestos is in the basement, but has not yet been installed.

Additions to Agenda:

Margaret has posted a workmans comp. certificate in the library.

It was suggested that we participate in the annual Hampton Gazette Gala with a bake sale table that could include some books. Sue suggested that toward the end of the event any leftovers could perhaps be the opportunity for a "cake walk" entry, should the band be willing to accommodate. It will be June 28, from 10-2. A table may cost \$15.00.

Old Business:

Margaret will contact the locksmith who was contacted earlier to look into changing the front and rear door locks to see if he can open the existing safe upstairs for storing our valuable documents.

A granite birdbath has been purchased and installed in the garden from the donation made by the Consolidated School, Class of '63. A plaque marker has been placed adjacent to the bird bath.

We ask Janice as corresponding secretary to write a letter to the Class of '63, via Mr Freeman, who presented us with the check., to let them know approx. half of their donation went to the bird bath and the rest will be used to acquire library goods. We would like to encourage them to stop by and take a look. If they do, they will notice that corks have been placed in the water. This provides stations from which bees can drink.

New Business:

It was agreed that we should accept Jim Ryan's generous offer and have a bake sale next Oct..

We will again call upon Janice to see if she would write a letter thanking him and letting him know how grateful we are and that we will be having a book/bake sale in Oct..

It was agreed that we should participate in the Hampton Gazette Gala event with a table. Margaret will secure that for us.

Margaret suggested that Linda call Pat Hart, a potential volunteer who has been to a prior training session, at 860 455-9741.

Other business:

None

Correspondence:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

The next meeting will be on June 5, at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Christie