

June 4, 2015

Fletcher Memorial Library

Present: Anne Christie, Sonja Larson, Janice Trecker, Matt LaFontaine. Susan Hochstetter, Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. Because the group initially lacked a quorum, neither the May minutes nor the treasurer's report could be approved. They will be submitted at the July meeting.

Sue reported on two monetary gifts to the library; Janice will send thank you notes. Also we have received some additional free passes. We now have passes for the New Britain Museum of Art and the Old State House as well as the Wadsworth Atheneum, plus a reduced admission pass for Mystic Seaport. State park passes will be forthcoming soon.

Deb had submitted the librarian's report. We had 176 adult patrons and 20 children this past month. 192 books were checked out, along with 81 DVD's and 8 audio books. There were 61 ILL requests and we had 3 new library cards issued. Sarah Charpenier will begin volunteering at the library as soon as school is out.

Deb went to two Quiet Corner Reads meetings concerning the QCR 2015 book, Strange Creatures. Mark and Beverly Davis will be back June 6th for another Guitar Tuning class. Saturday June 10 at 10 A.M. we'll have Father's Day card making class and Saturday, June 17, Beth Regan's presentation.

The board members spent much of the meeting going over the policy statements. As some minor changes and corrections resulted, Sue will send out copies of the amended policies to the board members. They will be voted on at the next meeting; more discussion is not expected.

The board then took up the matter of our street sign, and Anne presented a couple of alternatives to the admittedly expensive granite posts and large wooden sign. After discussing a number of possibilities, the board decided that the cheapest plan would be to remove the middle maple tree from the front. This will enable the Fletcher Memorial Library sign above the porch to be legible and will make the present blue library sign more visible. It will also improve the air circulation and prevent the troublesome growth of mold and mildew on the front facade. A motion to remove the tree was made, seconded, and passed, as by that time, the board had a quorum.

Anne and Sue will do refreshments for Beth Regan's Saturday June 27 program on Native American Culture. The program is at 11 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Because of the projected absence of two board members, the July meeting will not be on the first Friday of the month. Sue will let us know the date.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Trecker