

October 1, 2015

Fletcher Memorial Library

Present: Anne Christie, Janice Trecker, Margaret Haraghey, Sonja Larsen, Lee Astin, Beth Regan, Susan Hochstetter, Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

The September minutes were approved as submitted. In Luciann's absence there was no treasurer's report.

Anne read Deb's report. The complete report will be filed in the library with the minutes. Highlights included 226 adult and 31 juvenile patrons and the fact that we now have nine families who bring their children to the Story Time, Song & Play. Six members of the knitting group came in on the 30th.

Deb continues to attend the Quiet Corner Reads meetings. She also attended the Sept 24th reception at the Windham Country Club to accept a grant for Quiet Corner Reads. This was from the Leo and Rose Pageau Trust and Deb plans to apply to the Trust for a grant for Fletcher Memorial in the spring.

Oct 3, she starts an additional Story Time for 4-6 year olds Saturday mornings 10-11 a.m. Deb hopes this will be an ongoing event.

Randy Thompson and Don Inman have volunteered the use of their trucks for the Book & Bake Sale set up, and Leslie White, David King and Luciann Norton and children have volunteered to help with the boxes.

Deb concluded her report with the request to change her title from Part time librarian to Library Director. After some discussion, the board decided to remove the part time designation and to make Deb's title, Librarian for the time being.

Sonja asked about cards for the family of Ruth Grant and for Arline Burr who is seriously ill. Deb has been sending cards.

Under old business, Sue reported that she had talked to Dayna regarding the storage of the bound volumes of the Gazette. It appears that Dayna can obtain a lockable file for free at some time in the future. Sue has obtained binders to keep copies of current issues of both the Gazette and the Hampton High Road, the aim being to keep one copy of each issue for a year for patron use.

Sue then returned to the issue of the fire alarm which we had thought settled. Not quite, it turns out. If the alarm goes off, it rings at Goodrich's service. He calls 911 to alert the firemen and then calls one of the library key holders. Therefore he needs a list of those with keys. There was considerable discussion about this and about whether we could leave a key with the fire depart-

ment or have some sort of lockbox with a key attached to the building. Sue will explore this matter further.

Sue has gotten one estimate for our spring painting and expects a second one soon.

The book sale set up will start at 1 p.m. with the assembling of the tables. Volunteers to set up books will arrive at 2 p.m. Lee mentioned that we need a lot of boxes, especially the deeper wine boxes which are sturdier than the beer flats which are handy for display on the day. Beth offered some plastic tubs for the cause.

The internet policy came up for discussion with only a couple of minor changes requested: namely, the computer in the children's room does not have internet access so that reference should be removed. Beth asked if it was necessary for people to have a CT library card. The board decided to delete this requirement.

On the subject of computers, Sonja asked if Ben would be doing computer maintenance; answer, we need to call him in the spring for the yearly check up.

Also, Deb would like to have WiFi in her office upstairs which presently does not have wireless access. The board approved and will ask Deb to make the arrangements.

The board then turned to Deb's evaluation. The members uniformly feel she does an excellent job. The only recommendation will be that she continue to learn more about cataloguing. The board approved giving her a \$350 bonus.

In one final bit of library business, Sonja raised the matter of the patron who has over 20 books and DVD's out and has been out of reach. The board decided to send a certified letter to his grandparents who own the home which was the patron's last known address.

The meeting ended with the nomination and election of new officers: Chair, Anne, nominated by Margaret, seconded by Sonja; Vice chair, Janice, nominated by Margaret, seconded by Sonja; Recording Secretary, Sue, nominated by Margaret, seconded by Sonja; and Treasurer, Luciann, nominated by Margaret, seconded by Sonja. Janice will continue to do correspondence and media.

The meeting adjourned at 5:17.

The next meeting will be November 5 at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Trecker