

April 2, 2015

Fletcher Memorial Library

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved following a motion to remove “additions” to the agenda. In the absence of the treasurer, the meeting moved directly to the librarian’s report, which Anne read. We had 119 adult patrons and 22 children in March. 202 books were checked out, along with 75 DVD’s and 7 audio books. 146 volumes were requested via ILL and two new library cards were issued.

The library has had a considerable schedule of activities, including the Story, Song & Play time on Friday mornings, the knitting group, a Guitar Tuning Session with Mark Davis (who will conduct another session April 4) and a St. Patrick’s Day and Dr. Seuss’ Birthday Celebration held March 14.

Upcoming library events include at least one special activity for Spring Vacation/ National Library Week and the visit of the kindergarten class (with a few first and second graders) April 30.

Sonja noted difficulties with the back door. After some discussion, the board decided to contact locksmith Rich Nichols to look at the back door lock. If the problem extends to the door and door jamb, we will have whoever is contracted to do the porch repairs work on the door along with the front screen/ storm door.

The board discussed the overdue books policy. Sue will type up a revised draft and circulate it for the board’s final approval. Sue will also contact the DOT official for information about the placement of our sign. She asked what would be the recommendation if we cannot get granite posts. Anne said composite would be the second best choice. We have a simple but attractive design selected.

The next item was the provision of a case for historically significant volumes presently on open shelves in the history room. Sue reported that Betsy Pittman is coming to assess the volumes and to advise us on which books need to be protected. Once we have a list, we will know how large a case will be needed.

The meeting then moved to summer hours. Deb will be happier with a Wednesday 12-8 schedule instead of a split Thursday schedule. We will go with a Wed night opening. Anne suggested making our first open night an event and has contacted the General Store which has generously offered to provide a couple of pizzas and a case of soda. Anne read a draft of a suggested notice for the Gazette and the board was enthusiastic. We also want to put a notice in the Gazette soliciting volunteers for the evening hours. Anne will draft this.

Sue announced that we have a new technical support person, Ben Van Rheen of Logistics came and fixed our computer problems. He did recommend that we replace both the old router and the switch box that sits under the circulation desk computer, as well as fix a wire in the basement. He returns next Wednesday to do this work.

Anne briefed the meeting on our Vanguard Ginnie Mae Fund. We need to remove the names of officers who are no longer on the board and put our new officers on this fund.

Finally Sue announced that we have gotten an estimate for the porch repair and have promises of two more estimates to come.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04pm.

The next meeting is May 7 at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Trecker