

## **RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING Minutes**

July 18, 2017 - 6:30PM

Present: Melanie Cote, Sandy May, Jo-Anne Wisniowski, Deb Chamberlin, Jane Low

The meeting was called to order by Jane Lowe at 6:40 p.m. The minutes from the May and June 2017 meeting were read aloud by Deb and Melanie respectively. They were approved by the board.

### **Librarian's Report**

#### May Monthly library usage

Usage numbers: Total patrons: 149; books checked out: 121

#### May Programs

Story hour - Mailing May - 1 adult and 2 children - made paper suitcases.

#### June Monthly library usage

Usage numbers: Total patrons: 206; books checked out: 136 ; Audio Books: 4; new cards 2 ; 3 passport patrons ( DOL visit all libraries in VT); computer 14; Passes 9; 1 dog

### **Old Business**

Strawberry Festival Wrap-up (including Silent Auction donation list & Volunteer list)

\$573.50 - food

\$1,100 - books (About \$100 was on specialty books.)

\$900 - silent auction

This is minus \$200 for tent.

We would love to have the same musicians.

### **New Business**

A person is doing community service at the RML. They will do no more than 20 hours.

A couple is interested in volunteering at the library. Deb was thinking they could volunteer at the circulation desk. They could also bring children's books to the Farmer's Market. They could hold a "Pop Up Library" at the market with bringing a few new books and cards to sign up new library patrons.

Library World - \$500 subscription renewed.

Board members will read a library book and give a review of it for the library website and facebook: Please include: What the books about? Why you liked it. What was your favorite part?

Question by resident re: volunteering - Deb now has their email to contact them.

Promotion of Home Card Program - Information about the program will be posted to FPF, Monkton FB, Library FB, Library website and a sign at the circulation desk with the brochure. Deb will also add in a note about how patrons can look up our catalog from home and put holds on items.

Melanie now has the information to be able to post the RML's meeting minutes on the Monkton VT website.

Melanie was given the green light to invite the public to our meetings.

### **Building (exterior) Renovation Work: Roof issue**

The worst part is over the bump out at the entryway. Water is getting through and rotting the soffits and parts of the ceiling above the entryway. The peak of the roof isn't in good shape either.

Paul will look under the roof and the RML board will tell the select board about the roof issue.

### **Municipal Building Committee**

**Melanie** – She'll ask the MBC to talk with rec committee to see their thoughts about a community room. Are there more programs they would like if there was a community room?

Talking with residents by going door to door has its advantages because we can educate them about the issues of a needing a new library.

The library board does NOT want to move to a renovated town hall. The board does not want to add on to the existing library. There's a better return on investment for money spent on a new building. Having a library near the town hall creates a sense of community and is in alignment with the town plan.

Community Room – Meetings that are currently held at the town hall could be better set up in this community room.

John Philips looked into the selling of the library building. Deb thought the town now owned the library.

Deb thought there was a person in town who wanted to donate \$100,000 to the building of the library.

They had already looked into DOL funding.

\$85,000 - resale value per Deb

### **Other Business**

Reminder: NO meeting in August! Next meeting: September 19, 2017

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Cote