

Newmarket Public Library Trustees

Meeting Minutes

Approved

February 25, 2019 meeting

Present: Trustees Rod Crepeau, Joan DeYoreo, Amy Nicholson, Lisa Zhe, Friend liaison Sandy Bonin, Library Director Carrie Gadbois.

Not present - Trustee Mary Mahoney

1. Friends Report - Sandy Bonin said two new people attended their February meeting, one of whom joined the board, Jake Moore. They ended the month with a fund balance of \$4,490.97 in their account. They also ordered a new book case for the library at a cost of \$1,747.81. Attendance at recent events has been good - 17 at the felt workshop; seven at emergency prep; 42 at bobcats; 18 at Read It and Eat book club; 28 at children's theater and 16 for Wild NH. They are planning a game day for April school break and also on half-day teacher workshop days. They are working on renewing museum memberships. The next book sale will be March 2nd. They had a request to participate in a town-wide yard sale, but declined as profit would go to the hosting town. Fundraiser idea - local photo contest, making puzzles from the winning pics.

2. Minutes - *Trustee Crepeau made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Trustee Nicholson, unanimously approved.*

3. Treasurer's Report - \$46.20 was spent to renew safety deposit box rental at TD Bank.

Trustee Nicholson made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$46.20 for the fee, seconded by Trustee Zhe, unanimously approved.

Trustee Nicholson made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$206.17 for SBM for color copies, seconded by Trustee Zhe, unanimously approved.

Trustee Zhe made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Trustee Nicholson, unanimously approved.

4. Director's Report - We received a donation of \$150 from Barbara Heckler in December, as well as \$150 from Michael & Sharon Watson.

Trustee Zhe made a motion to accept the donations of \$150 from Barbara Heckler and \$150 from the Watsons, seconded by Trustee Nicholson, unanimously approved.

We also received a grant of \$1,000 for children's programming from Newmarket Community Education Partnership. This will be used to offset the cost of the summer reading program. Two special events already lined up, the kickoff on July 7th with 3-2-1- Blastoff, an outfit out of Maine. The August 8th finale will be an alien science program. The summer theme is "Universal Stories", celebrating the anniversary of Apollo.

Unfortunate news - Alexa gave her notice. She's accepted a position in Amherst, her last day is March 8th. Staff will take her out to dinner to say goodbye.

Carrie met with Greg to discuss projects. Lucy took measurements, just for vestibule, not door only, per Greg's suggestion. It will be an official handicapped entrance. Once Lucy gives us the free concept plan, Greg will help with working out preliminary costs. Will want to do this before landscaping so as not to disrupt landscaping. Possibly easier to do Veterans memorial and landscaping at same time, per Greg. Regarding painting, Doug painted Carrie's office. Greg suggested DPW do work. Not sure if cost or not as we are a town building, will need to look into that. Need to get an estimate to get plaster fixed, once that is done, Doug and DPW can paint. Or trustee Zhe suggested having volunteers, such as Liberty Gives, come in one day to paint. Will possibly look into this as well, having them work with Doug.

Lighting will be updated at no cost per Greg. Special project with Eversource, they will replace all of our bulbs. The money spent comes back in the billing cycle.

5. New Business - Trustee DeYoreo mentioned she is concerned that the town has been spraying Roundup weed killer in front of library.

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m

The next meeting will be March 25th at 4 p.m.