

GILMANTON CORNER PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 11, 2012

Attendees

Trustees: Diana McElwee, Tom Scribner, & Donna White

Librarian: Linda Hudziec

Guests: Barbara Angevine, Judy Bakos (Alternate), Cindy Hatch, & Robert McElwee

Call to Order

The Chair, Tom Scribner, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and then suspended normal agenda order to take up an item of New Business, i.e, a letter received from Anne Kirby of the Gilmanton Year-Round Library (GYRL).

Cindy Hatch made a brief presentation regarding “one of the Year-Round Library’s goals of offering downloadable books to residents through the State Library program.”

Participation in the program requires a web site and payment of \$875 annually, and the GYRL would like the other Town libraries to join in the effort. In fact, GYRL members are participating in a local fundraising effort on June 16 at Crystal Lake Park for that purpose and are interested in anyone from the Gilmanton Corner Public Library “who might like to pitch in for an hour or two.” Though the idea of providing e-books to Gilmanton residents is intriguing, Scribner requested more specific operational details prior to making any on-going commitment to participation in the service. Barbara Angevine will investigate the service being offered at the Laconia Public Library, and Judy Bakos will investigate the service being provided by the Gilford Public Library. Linda Hudziec will accompany each, schedule permitting.

Review/Approval of Minutes

Returning to normal agenda protocol, the minutes of the May 14, 2012, Board meeting were reviewed. Diana McElwee moved approval of the minutes. Scribner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

McElwee reported that as of June 6, 2012, there was \$3,954.95 in the checking account and \$2,762.77 in the special projects fund. In addition, she provided an accounting of the income and expense involved in the 100th Anniversary Birthday Celebration. Expenses totaled \$1,300.84. Income totaled \$1400 from the sale of book bags, magnets, and ornaments (\$145) and \$1255 in donations including donations from three area banks: Bank of New Hampshire (\$500), Meredith Savings Bank (\$500), and Northway Bank (\$250). As a consequence no Library operational funds were needed to cover event expenses.

Librarian's Report

Linda Hudziec reported that she had received the \$500 donation from the Meredith Savings Bank for the 100th Anniversary Birthday Celebration, a \$50 donation from Beatrice McClary, and another \$100 donation for books. She requested that a "thank you" letter be sent to John Funk who solicited the donations from the three banks and suggested that the contributing banks be recognized in a newspaper article. She also inquired if a "thank you" note had been sent to Steve Chmielecki. Scribner indicated that the newspaper article would be discussed later under Old Business, and McElwee indicated that she would send a formal statement of recognition to All Stone Masonry upon receipt of an itemized statement of contributed labor and materials. Further, Judy Bakos agreed to relieve Donna White of her thank-you-letter-writing chores.

Hudziec also reported that May book purchases totaled \$248.70, which represents the Library's summer reading book buys

The theme for June is "New Books for Summer Reading," and the Library's display table presents the 100th Anniversary sale of magnets, ornaments, and book bags. The theme for July and August will be "Pirates."

The Library's May use statistics were as follows:

Patrons	
Adults	82
Children	25
<i>Total</i>	<i>107</i>
New Members	6
Books	
Adult	83
Children	36
<i>Total</i>	<i>119</i>
Other Media	
Audios	18
Magazines	5
Puzzles	3
Videos	23
Museum Passes	0
Number of Days Opened	22
Number of Volunteer Hours	96/month

The July 4th book sale will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. In recognition of the Library's 100th Anniversary there will be an anniversary sale, i.e., buy a Library book bag and fill it with books for \$5.

Finally, Ernie Hudziec has completed refurbishing six of the Library's windows. Three remain to be completed. White is working on lining up volunteers to paint the inside of the windows.

Old Business

Following a script prepared by Scribner, the Trustees expressed their appreciation for all the activities/contributions for the 100th Anniversary Birthday Celebration. It may have been a wet, cold and windy day, but spirits were high and the entertainment delightful. Dave da Twista amazed everyone with his balloon creations as David Morrison entertained with his fiddle playing. The event was catered by Sarah Baldwin-Welcome whose servers provided cake, ice cream, & punch.

The Trustees expressed appreciation to the Bank of New Hampshire, Meredith Savings Bank, and Northway Bank for underwriting the event and to John Funk who facilitated their participation. Thanks were also extended to Tim Warren and the Gilmanton Town Selectmen for permitting use of the Academy Building. Sincere, grateful kudos were extended to Linda Hudziec, Librarian, who has provided new energy, professionalism, enthusiasm, and an open and welcoming environment for patrons and volunteers alike. Event architect was Barbara Angevine supported by the current Trustees: Diana McElwee, Tom Scribner, and Donna White. Current Alternates are Deb Chase and Judy Bakos. Immediate past Trustees include Phyllis Buchanan and Becky Ronstadt.

The Trustees also expressed appreciation to the many people who donated their time, money and/or effort to prepare the Library for its 100th Anniversary celebration. Israel Willard and Scribner pulled out shrubs and installed drainage, Mickey Daigle of R. M. Daigle Construction completed the excavation work preparatory to sidewalk construction, and Bill Hurst installed an excellent temporary paved walkway for use over the winter months. Then, this spring Steve Chmielecki of All Stone Masonry donated his time and material to build a beautiful brick walkway for the Library. Of course, the entire sidewalk project would not have been feasible without the financial contributions of numerous donors. Justin Caldon of Four Corners Landscaping donated his time and material to finish the final grading and seeding, while Paula Gilman and Thomie Dombrowski donated and planted new shrubs recently supplemented by Scribner who donated his time and effort to install supplementary plants, fertilize, and mulch. Most recently, Ernie Hudziec has donated his time and effort to upgrade and refurbish the Library's windows.

Scribner then reported that the bookcase ends have been installed, adding significantly to the attractiveness of the Library's interior. Also, all but three of the windows have been refurbished, and, once completed, Scribner opined that he would like to explore window treatments. Hudziec expressed interest in minimizing required maintenance in so doing. Lastly, Scribner would like to see mulched green and white hostas planted around the propane tank. If anyone would like to donate them, Scribner is willing to house them until that area is readied. Hudziec reminded Scribner that the large stone unearthed during excavation needs to be moved back to the front of the building prior to the July book sale.

McElwee suggested that a letter be sent to all those who donated money for the sidewalk project indicating what has transpired and how the donated money will now be spent. Admittedly, the initial solicitation letter explained how contributed funds would be spent, but in light of changed conditions McElwee felt additional explanation/transparency is appropriate. Her fellow Trustees concurred. McElwee will prepare the letter, and Robert McElwee offered to donate \$25 to defray the expenses associated with the mailing of about 50 letters.

Angevine reported on the sale of ornaments and bags. One shadow box and three ornaments were sold at the 100th Anniversary celebration. 100 bags were ordered, but the supplier printed and the Library paid for 104. Fourteen bags were sold at the 100th Anniversary event, 15 were initialed and deposited in the Library. Thus, 75 bags remain to be sold.

Donna White indicated that the first order of magnets had been sold; however, there are still quite a few of the second installment to be sold.

White also requested return to the Library of a picture of "Pennock and a girl" that hung in the Library for many years. Angevine reported that reportedly the picture was given to the Gilmanston Historical Society by a former Library Trustee and is currently hanging in a prominent location with the Society. Based on the sentiments expressed by her fellow Trustees, White withdrew her request.

Lastly, Scribner indicated that he had asked Deb Chase to accept another one-year appointment as an Alternate. She agreed to do so. Judy Bakos also expressed interest in serving for another year. Scribner suggested that he ask Bill or Terry Morrison to accept the vacant position of Alternate. Bakos opined that, perhaps, one of the Library's other volunteers might also be interested. She was encouraged by the Trustees to solicit their interest.

New Business

McElwee reported that she received an inquiry from the Old Home Days Committee regarding booth rental space. The cost remains at \$20. The Trustees authorized her to confirm the Library's participation by renting one booth in the same location as last year.

Closing

There being no further business to conduct, McElwee moved to adjourn the meeting. Scribner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting stood adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The next meeting of the Trustees is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Monday, July 9.

Respectfully submitted,

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