

GILMANTON CORNER PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 9, 2012

Attendees

Trustees: Diana McElwee, Tom Scribner, & Donna White
Librarian: Linda Hudziec
Guests: Barbara Angevine, Judy Bakos (Alternate), & Robert McElwee

Call to Order

The Chair, Tom Scribner, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Review/Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 11, 2012, Board meeting were reviewed. Scribner moved approval of the minutes. Diana McElwee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Diana McElwee reported that as of June 29, 2012, there was \$3,759.92 in the checking account and \$2,763.11 in the special projects fund. She also reported the receipt of \$472 from the July 4th book sale: \$255 for bags, \$100 for ornaments, and \$117 for books.

Librarian's Report

Linda Hudziec reported receipt of a donation of \$100 for books and the expenditure of \$109.51 for book purchases in June.

The theme for July and August is "Beware of Pirates."

The Library's June use statistics were as follows:

Patrons	
Adults	127
Children	51
<i>Total</i>	<i>178</i>
New Members	3
Books	
Adult	103
Children	33
<i>Total</i>	<i>136</i>
Other Media	
Audios	16
Magazines	4
Puzzles	1
Videos	21

Museum Passes	1
Number of Days Opened	22
Number of Volunteer Hours	125/month

Seven new members were signed up on July 4. She asked that a thank-you note be sent to Peter Cook for his assistance with setup and breakdown for the book sale.

Hudziec received a donation of eight tickets from Seth McNally for a show scheduled for July 8 at The Flying Monkey in Plymouth. The tickets were valued at \$35 each for a total of \$280. She raffled the tickets on July 4; the raffle tickets were free. Another eight tickets have been donated for an August 25 show, *Las Vegas Review*. The tickets are valued at \$39 each (or a total value = \$320). Raffle tickets are one chance for \$2.00 and three chances for \$5. There will be two drawings with four tickets per drawing on August 20. She asked that a thank-you note be sent to Seth McNally in recognition of his generosity.

Hudziec also reported that the Library's windows have been completely refurbished and the outside door painted. McElwee asked that a thank-you letter be sent to Ernie Hudziec expressing the Board's appreciation of his significant contribution. Her fellow Board members heartily endorsed her sentiment. "Butch" White is nearing completion of the interior painting of the windows and will soon paint the interior door.

Old Business

Scribner reported that with the assistance of Mickey Daigle the bench has been moved back into place and the area around it mulched. The windows are done, and the interior painting is nearing completion. The July 4th sale was very successful. The Library looked great. Paula Gilman donated her tent for the event. There was some discussion of the Library buying a similar tent for use in the future, but cost and storage arrangements prompted deferral of action to a future date. Because of difficulty associated with entering Town Hall to retrieve the books for the July 4th sale, Scribner will request that the Library be given a key to the Town Hall to be kept in the Library.

Barb Angevine reported that there are 12 bags remaining, 10 in the Library and two in the Town Hall. These will be available for sale at Old Home Day as they were at the July 4th book sale. There seemed to be consensus that selling the bags and encouraging people to fill them with books could become a signature event for the Library. However, it may be necessary to increase the cost of the bags to defray bag expenses. Angevine will check on the reorder cost for 50 and 100 bags. As for ornaments, there seemed to be consensus those sales should terminate at the end of the year since the ornaments were pressed in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Library. The end of sales will be featured in future publicity, which may increase the appeal and value of the ornaments as collector items. White reported that the remaining magnets are available for sale in the Library.

Old Home Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A list of volunteers is available. Magnets, ornaments, and the remaining book bags will be offered for sale. The Library's "booth" will be in the same area. Set up is at 8:00 a.m.

Martha Levesque has expressed interest in serving as an Alternate. McElwee will confirm the Board's interest in her service, explain the procedure required to her, and formally invite her to the next meeting.

Judy Bakos reported on her meeting with Anne Kirby of the Gilmanton Year-Round Library (GYRL) and Diane Currier (Gilmanton Iron Works Library) regarding e-books. The State Library has a sign up every three months, and the next one is August 31. Currently, there are in excess of 800 e-books available, but the State Library is adding to the collection on an ongoing basis. To participate, the State Library charges an annual fee which is currently \$875. The sentiment shared by those attending the meeting is that all three Libraries should participate and that, at least initially, the cost for participating in the program could be paid by an annual fund-raiser with excess funds carried over to the next year. One fund-raising idea, perhaps as soon as Old Home Day, is to raffle two e-readers which could be purchased at a cost of around \$90 each,. The cost would be split between the Gilmanton Corner Public Library and GYRL. The role of the Gilmanton Iron Works Library in the endeavor is unclear. Scribner wondered why the e-books initiative is being funded outside Library budgets. Robert McElwee questioned the advisability of making a mission-critical component of Library operations contingent on fund-raising success. Until more operational detail is available the Trustees were unwilling to commit to any fund-raising efforts for the e-book initiative. Nonetheless, Scribner moved and McElwee seconded a motion of support for the e-books concept and for Bakos' continued work with leadership from the other two libraries to craft a detailed, written proposal for official Board action. The motion passed unanimously. Further, McElwee expressed the Board's appreciation to Bakos for her information-gathering efforts.

New Business

McElwee distributed a *draft* of a letter to those who had donated to the Library's sidewalk project, explaining how the sidewalk project had been completed and how their contributions would continue to be used. With minor editorial changes, the letter was approved for mailing. Hudziec will provide McElwee with a list of donors. Diana McElwee will prepare the approximately 50 letters, and Robert McElwee will defray the cost of mailing.

At the next meeting Scribner would like to review and re-prioritize the Capital Improvements Planning list. His colleagues agreed.

Closing

There being no further business to conduct, Scribner moved to adjourn the meeting. McElwee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting stood adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

The next meeting of the Trustees is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Monday, August 13.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. McElwee

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