



Weare Public Library

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Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday May 5, 2011

Present: Susan Morin, Jill Tacy, Ray Kelly, Trustees; Paul Marsh, Terri Wahnowsky, Alternate Trustee; Christine Hague, Director. Stephanie Zydenbos-Heino, Claudia Bennett, Karen Metcalf, Diane T. Padilla

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

Public Session:

The Trustees would like to hear for the community about what they would like to see at the Weare Public Library. What would make the library more amenable to the citizens of Weare? The Trustees introduced themselves to those present. There was a meeting this morning to talk about ways to improve the library as well as the whole town. Paul Marsh attended and felt this was a very productive session.

Stephanie feels like there is a lack of a community center since the loss of the Center Store. She shared that after moving back to Weare she felt this loss of a community center and began frequenting the library with her children. Getting people involved in the town was discussed. Stephanie pointed out that people are busy and trying to choose what they can commit to as they only have so much time. Moving forward with technology and integrating this technology into the library is one idea to consider.

Karen Metcalf brought up the point that there are people in town using other libraries. By throwing their support into other libraries it affects our ability to serve the public. Library circulation is one of the numbers used to justify funding to libraries. A decrease in our patronage or circulation affects our library. Karen brought up that other libraries are offering different programs such as Lego time. This is a building time where families can come in and build with Legos at the library. Activities for the early teen patrons are also noted at other libraries. Discussion of the idea that information/research is available at the touch of a button and the consideration that this change might be something that affects library attendance. Do kids come to the library to research anymore? Chris explained that the school used to bring over groups of students however this has not been happening as much. The library staff recently assisted a teacher with putting together a bibliography of books the library has on each of the topics the students were researching. The books were then checked out and taken to the school for the students to use.

Diane Padilla brought up the idea of Poetry slam, adding that local businesses could donate a prize to the winner. Diane also shared the idea of making the library be the focus of the discussion groups, during the winter time in an attempt to use the resource we currently have. Stephanie added that the library could host different art displays quarterly or hold open mic night/poetry, art, music events. These would be opportunities to get people in the door to see what the library has to offer. Diane agreed saying we should work to make the library "incubator of creativity." Claudia thinks the programs sound good but we need the volunteers to do this. Keeping and maintaining a volunteer force at the library has been a challenge in the past. Karen brought up idea of the library being a place to bring items for the troops, etc. When something is going on in town, you go to the library to get information and drop off items.

This would require volunteer help to coordinate this. Director Hague pointed out that Volunteers have a distinct place in the library and are our ambassadors to the community. Promoting the use of the Sawyer room was another idea that was discussed. Many citizens are unaware of the groups that use the Sawyer room.

Diane brought up the idea of collaborating with other local organizations. Paul Marsh took this opportunity to share his notes from the monthly morning coffee in regards to collaboration with other organizations. Local organizations, the local parents group, posting events on the cable channel & Goffstown News were discussed during the morning coffee meeting. Using web addresses of other organizations and connecting to the library site would be another option for getting the library's information out there. Putting information on the calendar at Wearenhfun.com and having a Welcome bag at the library were also discussed. The Friends group is considering making these welcome bags that might include information pages about the Friends group, programs offered at the library, and other things the Friends have to offer. This would be put together in a bag along with a magnet & bookmark and given to library patrons. The Friends have discussed taking the financial responsibility for this project. Stephanie suggested having the Friends connect with the Farmers market as this has been growing in the community over the last few years and there may be potential to advertise the library's services there. This is being looked into.

Public Hearing:

A public hearing came to order at 7:15 pm. to accept \$1504.10 in funds from donations, income generating equipment, and other (see attached table.) Chairman Kelly made a motion to accept the funds, Treasurer Morin seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The public session ended at 7:19 pm.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Meeting minutes were reviewed for April 12, 2011. Treasurer Morin moved to accept the minutes from the meeting, Chairman Kelly seconded and all were in favor.

Reports:

Director's Report

Downloads from NH Downloadable books are up for this month of April. On April 12th Libraries around the state participated in Snapshot Day. This event organized by Sarah Leonardi for the NH Library Association gave a look at what goes on in a NH library on a typical day. At the Weare Public Library 121 persons entered. There were 7 computer log-ons and 107 items circulated. There are no maintenance items to report this month other than to say a grant request for funds to replace the downspouts on the Paige section of the library was sent to the NH Div. of Historical Resources. No word on whether the library will receive a grant.

The report was reviewed by the Trustees. Chairman Kelly moved to accept the Director's report. Treasurer Morin seconded. All present were in favor.

Old Business:

Foundation Plans

Looking for people who would want to be incorporators and or Directors for the foundation. The foundation would be a charity that gives money directly to the library. The Board of Directors would over see the finances.

Wage Survey

No names have been brought for this survey committee. Paul Marsh had previously volunteered. Ray Kelly has now volunteered to help with survey as well.

Grounds Repair and Maintenance

Honeysuckle bush has been damaged previously and blocks the view of the library from the road. The trustees looked at the bush and voted to have it removed. It was further suggested that to minimize damage to the rock wall and sidewalk near this bush, that the roots of the bush be cut as it is being removed. The trustees have asked Director Hague to go ahead with a request to the Board of Selectmen to have the honeysuckle bush removed.

Jill Tacy made a motion to adjourn and Chair Kelly seconded. All present were in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next Meeting

Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Tacy, Secretary

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Weare Public Library Hearing to Accept Funds 5-May-11		
Source	Designation	Amount
Book replacement	books	\$25.00
Income generating equipment	supplies, books	136.00
Donations	supplies, books	\$89.03
Paige Trust	maintenance	\$691.90
Peaslee Trust	undesignated	\$207.57
Wadleigh Trust	undesignated	\$34.60
Kids, Books and the Arts Grant	Reptiles on the Move 6/29/11	\$320.00
		\$1,504.10