

Minutes from the Brown Public Library Board of Trustees - 5/15/18

Present: Maryann Beaupre [Chair], Gail Hall (MAL), Larry Garland (MAL), Tossy Garrett [Secretary taking minutes], S Brickey [Director] Absent: Katie Wawrzyniak (VP), John Stevens (Treasurer), Cyndy Bushey (MAL)

5:01 Meeting called to order

5:02 Approval of Agenda: Tossy moved, Larry seconded, voted & approved.

5:03 Approval of April Minutes: Larry moved, Gail seconded, voted & approved.

5:05 Treasurer's Report: John is not here to answer questions, so we will include April's report along with May's next meeting for discussion and approval.

5:08 Director's Report: The event from VT Humanities on "Fake News" drew 25 people, and Sherri found it informative. That group's events do cost some money but seem to be high quality, interesting, and well-received. Sherri also attended 2 courses toward her certification in April and feels confident that she will be able to get her Librarian Certification if not by the end of this year, at the beginning of next year. The Spring raffle (of a picnic backpack donated by Sherri- thanks!) earned \$142. The annual appeal is still drawing a few checks. Britta's spring planting workshop was well-attended and fun. Britta is also planning one more RIF event at the school this week. Sherri & Britta are both attending a Norwich luncheon for invited town organizations this week as well.

5:15 Old Business

1. Pigeons- there are 2 that are back after the recent powerwash and building a nest. John removed the old owl platform and sprayed the area with dish detergent. Larry discussed options- possibly hook up netting per Cyndy's suggestion, or add more strips of pigeon spikes, and/or add hawk decoys. Chicken wire might be less visible and just as easy to install.
2. By-laws update- The sub-committee of Maryann, Gail & Tossy has made it through 4 articles. John replied to Gail about some of our questions about incorporation and funding in that first section. We will continue working and present our recommendations for changes in either one month or two.
3. Other Business- the painting contractor continues to work in a sloppy manner, with paint on the bricks, floor, screen, etc. We also have concerns about his clean-up of lead paint, since he does not vacuum the chips off the grass daily and the vacuum he uses while working does not seem to have a proper filter.

5:45 New Business

1. Committee assignments- we went over the current committee assignments and added Gail and Larry to their chosen committees.
2. 5 Year Plan- with only 4 Trustees here, we will hold off on this. Gail mentioned that the long-range planning committee should be the ones to review this and bring suggestions to the board. This committee will meet over the next months.
3. Other Business- we have flyers for the student art show for Trustees to hang around town. It is always an enjoyable show.

5:55 Public Comment- no public present

5:55- Tossy moved to adjourn, Gail seconded- voted & moved. Meeting adjourned.