

Brown Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of August 16, 2016

Attendees: Katie Wawrzyniak; Vice Chair, Richard Brockway, Maryann McGinnis, Maryann Beaupre, Cynthia Bushey and Sherri Brickey; Director

1. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm
2. Maryann McGinnis nominated by board as Secretary; motion to accept made by Dick and seconded by Maryann B; unanimously approved
3. Minutes from the June 21, 2016 meeting - motion to accept made by Maryann M and Dick seconded; unanimously approved
4. Treasury report motion to approve Dick; seconded by Maryann B; unanimously approved
 - Sherri asked if there was a line item for donations to the community room that could be used for general building upkeep. She was advised to check with John.
 - Annual budget will be discussed at next meeting
5. Community--Patron Concerns
 - Patrons expressed concern about the number of roof issues (leaks) and the potential hazard for their children as well as the public. Patrons wanted to know why it is taking so long to fix and what, if anything, they can do to help. The Board addressed their concerns as best we could, but told them that since the town owns the building there is not much more we can do then to notify them each time there is a leak.
 - Very happy with the youth programs being offered. Patrons concerned about the loss of the VELI grant and what the library could have done to keep it. The Board explained that since the grant came with no money we were not able to accommodate more hours for the Youth Librarian to complete the extra work created by the grant requirements. If we had known earlier about the grant, adjustments could have been made. The Board offered to send a letter to the Department of Libraries asking for changes to the grant procedure. The Patrons offered to send a letter as well.
6. Youth Volunteer Request for Space
 - Youth Volunteers, Stephen and Erin McGinnis and Miles Bissonnette, presented a well thought out request for space for a Volunteer lounge that included three areas to be considered—outside the electronic room, storage room and corner in bookstore.
 - Will request items needed on FPF in addition to fundraising if given the requested space.
 - Fundraising ideas include—bake sale at Farmers Market and Labor Day Book Sale, selling origami, Buddy to Buddy activity evening, and art competition.
 - Items needed for lounge include couch, bean bag chairs, coffee and/or side table, games.
 - Purpose of lounge is to have a place to go and review activities and plan for new ones, as well as have a place to just relax before or after time spent volunteering.

- There is a hope that with the lounge, it would encourage more youth and adults to volunteer.
- Board will discuss and make decision

7. Director's report

- Stats back up on July
- Sherri was a guest speaker at the Rotary Club and signed a youth book to be presented to the library in the near future.
- Ron Krupp, author, was a guest speaker in July; same night as Northfield Community Information Night on the Common so attendance was low.
- Leaking roof issues continue and Sherry continues to inform the town.
- Youth books damaged due to leaks and Youth Librarian will bill the town for these books.
- The roses planted in memory of long-time Board member and library benefactor Hazel Moot are not in very good shape. The Board will ask the Friends to help purchase more roses. We will also ask them if they have someone who can help maintain them better. If not, we will contact the Northfield Garden Club to see if they can help.

8. Old Business

- Roof issues continue

9. New business

- Labor Day Book Sale-Set up on Wednesday before weekend
- If weather is warm, sell water bottles \$1 each; Maryann M to purchase water bottle cases; need coolers with ice
- Borrow youth library boom box for book sale
- Reviewed LD notes from last year and will make changes accordingly
- Want to advertise that Brown Public Library is voted the most beautiful in Vermont in newspaper LD ad
- Democrats asked to set up a voting tent during our Labor Day sale. Town owns property; Sherry to direct question to town. Suggest that sale be done using the first parking spot in parking lot for community room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28; Dick approved and Maryann B seconded; unanimously approved

Next meeting in the community room October 18, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann McGinnis

