

Brown Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

June 19, 2018

Attending: Maryann Beaupre (Chair), Cyndy Bushey (MAL), Larry Garland (MAL), Gail Hall (MAL—taking notes), Sherri Brickey (Director), Margaret England (visitor-Friends of the Library), Lydia Perry (visitor-Dog River Education) Absent: Katie Wawryzniak (VP), John Stevens (Treasurer), Tossy Garrett (Secretary)

5:07 Meeting called to order.

Approval of Agenda: G. Hall moved, L. Garland seconded—so moved.

Approval of May Minutes: L. Garland moved, M Beaupre seconded—so moved.

5:08 Treasurer's Report—postponed to next meeting; C. Bushey moved, M. Beaupre seconded—so moved.

5:10 Director's Report:

- Sherri attended State Library Director's meeting at Aldrich Library in May—
 - This was a great opportunity to exchange ideas with other Directors and receive update from Department of Libraries
- Sherri has completed the first half of a 25-credit Department of Libraries course—Introduction to Information Services and Sources; second half will occur in the Fall.
- Sherri and Britta attended a Community Partnership Luncheon at Norwich University to discuss the role of student volunteers
 - A July appointment with the Assistant Director of Civic Engagement is planned in July to further discuss this collaboration.
- A 'Sip and Rock Art' event was hosted by BPL—very successful—11 people attended.
- Britta had a quiet month with no Saturday events—due to moving to a new home in the village and a vacation. She provided two Book 'giveaways' for the month.
- Pigeons are returning to the porch
 - Roof spikes need to be re-installed
 - Front door needs to be re-stained, as painter partially applied black paint, before realizing the necessity for staining the door.
 - Entranceway needs plexiglass replacement on either side of the door.
 - Window by Sherri's office was cracked during the painting process and needs to be repaired.
 - Sherri will send a second email expressing these concerns to the Select board.
- Step-son of Debbie Collins, devoted BPL volunteer, has recently passed away. Sherri will have a card at the desk for Library Board members to sign.

5:25 Old Business:

1. By-Laws Revamping Update—postponed until next meeting
2. Basement water Situation—postponed until next meeting.
3. Outside Painting Update—addressed in Director's Report discussion.

New Business:

1. 5-Year Plan Committee organization—postponed until next meeting.

5:30

2. Margaret England—President of Friends of the Library

- a. Friends Treasurer's Report
 - i. Checking Account June 2017.....\$4736.16
 - ii. Checking Account 5/31/18.....\$5780.19
 - iii. CD—last quarter March 2018.....\$6149.73
 - iv. CD—last quarter March 2018.....\$ 63.00 interest
 - v. CD maturity date is 1/18/2019
- b. Concerns—
 - i. Friends group seems 'stagnant'; past officers have resigned.
 - ii. Purpose of group is to maintain association of persons associated with BPL to provide support (\$) and encouragement for programs.
 - a. In past year, Friends has co-sponsored well-attended VT Humanities events—Charlie Nardoza, Linda Radke. (Next year should have 3 events.)
 - 2. Friends supports Labor Day Breakfast/Book/Bake Sale.
 - 3. In past, Friends has helped to 'bail out' BPL with necessary large purchases—Keurig machine, projector
 - iii. There is a need to recruit younger, active volunteers. Membership list is being developed.
 - iv. Margaret posted request for members on Front Porch Forum and met on 6/18/18 with 6 volunteers.
 - v. Would like feedback from Board.
 - 1. Board agreed that 'Friends' is a vital portion of the BPL family.
 - 2. Friends is a Booster Club for BPL.
 - 3. Current need seems to be membership, not funding.
 - 4. Friends should be separate entity from BPL Board of trustees.
 - a. Margaret is currently Treasurer and President.
 - b. Margaret will find volunteer to share leadership responsibilities.
 - c. Sherri will organize materials/funds that come in for Friends, for Friends representative to pick up.

5: 55 PM

- 3. Lydia Petty—Dog River Education
 - a. Dog River Education provides enrichment programming for children ages 4-14, including sign-language training, acting, science and the arts.
 - b. They meet on Tuesdays in the Community Room from 10:00AM -2:00 PM for 10-12-week programs.
 - c. Additionally, the group would like to host single day workshops.
 - d. Board agreed to proposal, depending upon availability of the Community Room.
- 4. Granite Steps: Step is chipping, perhaps due to ice and salt. Need to determine how step can be protected.
- 5. Mural: A patron of the Library has offered to develop a mural for the front of the BPL.
 - a. Board had concerns about maintenance of such a mural, the appropriateness of it on the historic front of the building, and the effect of the pigeons on such a mural.
 - b. Sherri will convey the Board's thoughts to the patron.
- 6. Other Business
 - a. Cyndy suggested having silent auction of items donated by Board members at Labor Day Book Sale—e.g. Cheese gift box, homemade quilt items, other.

6:10 Meeting adjourned. Cyndy moved, Larry seconded—so moved.

NEXT MEETING—July 17, 2018 5:00pm BPL Community Room

