

Brown Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes
October 24,2017

Members Present: Karen Grace, Chair; Katie Wawrzyniak, Vice Chair; John Stevens, Treasurer; Maryann McGinnis, Secretary; Cynthia Bushey, Maryann Beaupre, Tossy Garrett and Sherri Brickey, Director; Britta Eberle, Youth Librarian
Guests: Crystal Carroll, Pam Bailey, Rebecca Pearish, Briana Howard, Autumn Bissonnette, Lydia Petty

1. Meeting called to order at 4:37pm.
2. Motion to accept Minutes from the September 19, 2017 meeting made by Katie and seconded by John; unanimously approved.
3. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Maryann B. and seconded by Katie; unanimously approved.
4. Director's Report-
 - Ed and Faye Dawes are retiring, and the Board will be sending flowers to Faye and giving a local bookstore gift card to Ed in honor of their dedication to our library.
 - We will be getting BPL magnets that show our hours of business and they will be given to new patrons and be available to all to purchase.
 - Kathryn Szelag is doing an excellent job with the bookstore.
 - Friends of the BPL scheduled author Charlie Nardozzi to speak on November 2nd at 7pm.
 - Paint and Sip scheduled for November 11th from 2-4PM.
5. Old Business-
 - Reviewed and updated the following policies: Overdue, Harassment, Non-Discrimination, and Safety Regulations. Will vote to accept and/or adopt at next meeting.
 - Representatives from the Promise Committee met with the board to speak about their grant and get our thoughts about a play area on the library grounds. They were awarded a grant for \$150,000 to put up two playgrounds/pocket parks in Northfield.
 - Discussed their idea of a Fairy Garden and the group has asked the Board for our input on the design. Will keep us informed with the process.
 - Discussed concerns and ideas of the Board that included the concern that they not do away with patron parking spaces, testing for lead paint as well as keeping an area to use for lunch/sitting and consider building a pavilion for library programming.
 - Britta volunteered to be the Library liaison and will work with the Promise Committee.
 - The Promise Committee and Board are very excited about the possibilities and look forward to working together.

- We met with the Dog River Education Cooperative Homeschool representatives about concerns the Board had over their use of the Community Room and how our communication of these concerns was handled. We discussed concerns and proposed that the group use the Community Room throughout the school year but have a backup plan in case another community group requested the use of the room. The representatives also offered to use the room once a week rather than twice which would be more in accordance of the rules of room use. They will let us know how they will proceed. The group also asked to be notified if any other issues arise with the use of the room.
 - We were asked for service projects ideas that the group can do for the library.

6. New Business-

- Volunteer/Staff appreciation get together-will discuss idea for craft at next meeting as well as determine the date and time. Tossy will explore some ideas.
- Annual Appeal ideas for letter—we discussed acknowledging how well the youth programs are doing and the use of the facilities by the Dog River homeschool group. Find a local business to match a certain portion of donations?
- Karen is stepping down from the Board in November and Maryann Beaupre has accepted the interim Chair position until elections in March. Maryann McGinnis will not seek re-election in 2018.
- Katie will announce the two Board vacancies on the library website, Front Porch Forum, Channel 7 and the library Facebook page. Interested parties can go to the Town Hall to get an election petition in January.

7. Tossy made a motion to move into Executive session at 5:50pm and seconded by Katie to discuss personnel issues. Came out of session at 6:00pm. No motions made.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 6:00 pm by Maryann B. and seconded by Tossy.

Next meeting Tuesday November 28, 2017 at 5:00 PM in the Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann McGinnis

