

Brown Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes
December 6, 2016

Members Present: Karen Grace; Chair, Katie Wawrzyniak; Vice Chair, John Stevens, Maryann McGinnis, Maryann Beaupre, Cynthia Bushey and Sherri Brickey; Director

1. Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm. Motion made to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel issue. Decision made to post press release of Sarah Snow's resignation as Youth Librarian; to start advertising for the youth librarian position; and to speak with former youth librarians for interim position. Motion to accept made by Katie, seconded by Maryann B; unanimously approved.
2. Minutes from the October 18, 2016 meeting - motion to accept made by John and Katie seconded; unanimously approved.
3. Treasurer's Report-
 - Motion to accept report made by Katie; Cyndy seconded; unanimously approved.
 - Motion made to donate 10% of Labor Day library book sale profits to Northfield Labor Day Observances-motion to accept made by Katie and seconded by Cyndy; unanimously approved
4. Director's Report-
 - Sherri attended a Tech conference and a training on helping patrons cope with legal issues.
 - Roof construction complete.
 - There was some talk on Front Porch Forum about the library not having a Halloween party. The youth programming had one scheduled during story time. Sherri scheduled the additional party and about 30 children and parents attended. Everything was donated and all had a fun time.
 - Mary Nadon Scott had a Thred Worldwide Party on November 19th, where the commission was donated to the library.
 - Library held another wreath making class with Sabrina Lamb on December 1st. This continues to be a very popular event. Cost was \$15 per person and covered material, Sabrina's time and the excess went to the library.
 - Judie Desrochers is stepping down as volunteer and President of the Friends group.
 - Holiday Schedule for the library....the library will be closed the Saturday and Monday of the holiday weeks--December 24th, 26th and January 31st and 2nd.
5. Old Business
 - We will wait for town to formulate a clear policy about alcohol at library events.
6. New Business
 - Discussion of youth area-will continue at next meeting.
 - Patrons and parents Lydia Petty and Rebecca Pearish attended meeting and discussed getting a Parent Group started to help with the youth library area.
 - Expressed appreciation of youth programming.

- Saddened by the resignation of our youth librarian and wanted to know if anything could have prevented this. Board addressed concerns which included filling the position and the loss of Sarah and all that she has contributed to the youth programming.
- Open seat on board come March election—possibility of a parent running for seat? The seat is of an IT and building/grounds interest.
- Conversation about mold abatement and ceiling tiles will continue at next meeting. Katie will research contacts.
- Will replace 7 public computers; four now and three in 2017.
- Meeting schedule for 2017—Third Tuesdays of the month from 5:00-6:15. Sherri to check on community room availability.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48; Maryann B. accepted and Katie seconded.

Next meeting Tuesday January 17, 2017 at 5:00 PM in the community room.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann McGinnis