

Brown Public Library Board of Trustees

Special Meeting

June 28, 2018

Attending: Maryann Beaupre (Chair), Katie Wawrzyniak (VP), John Stevens (Treasurer), Tossy Garrett (Secretary), Cyndy Bushey (MAL), Sherri Brickey (Director), Britta Eberle (Youth Librarian), Brianna Howard (Promise Committee), Anne Toolan (Promise Committee)

Absent: Larry Garland (MAL) and Gail Hall (MAL)

5:04 Meeting called to order.

Approval of Agenda: J. Stevens moved, K, Wawrzyniak seconded—so moved.

Promise Committee Report:

- Brianna Howard gave an overview of the history of the project. They are placing a playground in Northfield Falls and a structure for behind the library. She handed out drawings and pictures of that both might look like.
- Their grants is for 0-6 year old children, but have a vision of the structure being used by the youth librarian, the homeschool groups, and older patrons as a multi-purpose area.
- They got three bids and the Treehouse Guys in Warren VT were the cheapest - @\$30,000
- They will install fencing and a gate
- They need to move the existing table that is there as well as the bush, but they will replace it with a native shrub.
- We will lose one parking space as they have to have one spot for handicapped parking.
- They need financial help in order to complete both projects, but have revised their original ask from \$7,000 to \$5,000.
- They apologize for the late notice, but it took a while to collect the bids.
- The structures have to be built and in use by December or they lose the money.
- The Promise Committee and the Town of Northfield will be responsible for the upkeep of the structures. The library structure will need to be stained twice a year to maintain its quality and aesthetic value. The library should reach out to Brianna and the Promise Committee with any maintenance concerns and they will address them with the town.
- All liability falls under the Town of Northfield since it is on their property
- Britta would definitely be able to use the structure in her programming.
- There was discussion of the capacity that the structure will be able to hold. After some calculations it was determined that it will hold a lot more than our current story hour space holds.
- John expressed concern that the square shape was not as aesthetically pleasing and wanted to know if it could be rounded or hexagonal. It would make it a better gathering space, but it might cost more money.
- The estimate called for either cedar flooring or concrete. We would prefer wood, but it would depend on the cost of upkeep.

Executive Session

K. Wawrzyniak moved to enter executive sessions to discuss the finances associated with the Promise Committee request; C. Bushey seconded. Exited executive session.

T. Garret made the following motion, seconded by K. Wawrzyniak:

The BPL Board of Trustees will give the Promise Committee funding for the outside structure up to, but not to exceed \$10,000 to revise the structure to be hexagonal in shape, but of similar parameters. Additional funds beyond the original Promise Committee request of \$5,000 are to be earmarked for the revision of the shape. If the revision is more than the original \$5,000 we are providing, we agree to just fund the Promise Committee's original request of \$5,000 for the structure as they presented it to the Board.

So moved

Promise Committee was informed of the decision. They will get a revised estimate and notify the Board. The Board also instructed the Promise Committee to keep Britta Eberle informed of all progress as our representative on the Committee and they agreed to do so.

6:00 Meeting adjourned. T. Garret moved, K. Wawrzyniak—so moved.