

Library Board Meeting - August 14, 2018

Members Present: Library Director Christina Becker; Board Members Jen Baker-Porazinski, Monica Ravreby, Sue Mitchell, Clem Crowe, Sue Sawyer, Mary Laedlein, and Bob Odess

SM made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. MR seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

BO reviewed 2 months of reports. There was nothing to report.

Board Discussion:

There was some discussion about the need for space and eventual need to expand or renovate, especially with the need for more room for audiobooks. We discussed hiring a local architect to look into renovations or expansion. CB discussed the need for making space more flexible. The building is historical and basement renovations would have to take into consideration lack of handicap access currently. MR will contact the Nash's to see if this is something their historical architectural firm may be able to help with.

CB is looking into TEI landmark as an audio leasing program rather than just purchasing audiobooks.

BO is testing the mobile hot spot in different areas of the village.

SALS is hosting a budgeting workshop that BO will attend in September. There is also a Trustee Training workshop September 6 from 6-9 PM.

Expanding library AM hours on Monday and Friday was discussed.

Library Director Report:

CB notes that the library presence at the Farmer's Market has been well-received in the community and this will be her last one of the summer but she is planning for next year. The library will be cosponsoring the LARAC grant with the Cambridge Valley Farmer's market to help pay for entertainment.

The "Sit Down and Share Up" demo gyrokinesis class was held on July 7.

The second Alzheimer's Association on June 20 had 15 participants. "Effective communications" presentation will be held tomorrow.

The Washington County Office of the Aging next Senior lunch at the library is scheduled for September 26th.

There were 20 participants at the Lake Lauderdale Walk on July 14.

There was good participation at the Summer Reading Program, 3 events that were held in conjunction with Hubbard Hall.

There were 93 students signed up for the Summer Reading Challenge. CB would like to expand this to adults next year.

CB is hoping to expand the volunteer base to help more in programming.

The talent showcase will be held tomorrow night (composed of local teens from Greenwich, Schuylerville and Cambridge) at Mowry Park.

Summer Story Hour has been traveling around Cambridge and has good attendance, between 18-30 kids on 6 consecutive Tuesdays at 10 AM.

Miss Betsy has been working to bring an enrichment program to Cambridge that is project-based. She proposed to hold classes on Sundays from 1:30-3 with different professionals from the area already committed to teach various school subjects through June. Miss Betsy would be in charge of the younger kids upstairs and the older children would be downstairs with the volunteer professionals. The cost would be \$900 which CB will request from The Friends. She is requesting material costs from The Board. BO made a motion to approve of and support the program and would underwrite materials. MR seconded. All were in favor.

There are currently 6 people matched up with tutors for the Adult Literacy Program (2 from Cambridge, 4 from Greenwich).

On September 20th at 6 PM author Erik Schlimmer will be at the library to present a 45 minute program about the origin of Adirondack Place Names. He will be available to sign books as well.

The next meeting of the Library Board will be Tuesday September 18th at 4:15.