



Annual Association Meeting April 16, 2019

Minutes

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.
- New library staff were introduced: Christiane Carroll, Director of Blake Memorial Library and Kimberly Hotelling, Assistant Director.
- The Library Board Trustees were introduced. Association members complimented the board trustees on a job well done over the past year.
- Roll call for association members. New members were nominated: Dave Merrill, Kathryn Price, Hillary Horton, Julia Anderson, Kimberly Hoteling, Greg Thurston, Connie Thurston. Moved to join, second and unanimously approved.
- Meeting icebreaker is “What are you reading now?” Participants described what they are currently reading. It was a lot of fun.
- April 24, 2018 Association Minutes were unanimously approved.
- Highlights from the Director’s Report: The library cosponsors with the ECCC church successful potlucks with and sing along. May 18th will focus on Beatles and Cat Stevens songs. New art exhibits include Wait River Valley School student block picture exhibit. Christiane announced that the library won three grants for summer program including performer grants with free books, and VT Reads grant. Christiane has nearly completed her library certification. Free seeds from High Mowing are available for a small donation. On April 24 wine and poetry circle is planned as April is National Poetry Month. Upcoming spring programs include bee panel for novice and expert beekeepers and a spring herb and tonic workshop by Kimberly. Motioned to approve, seconded and unanimously approved.
- Other activities at the library include Mahjong game. Hank Buermeyer was thanked for the new Welcome flag.
- Moved to accept consolidated reports, second and unanimously approved.
- The library purchases 500 to 600 new books annually. Jane Conner opened up a discussion on culling or “deselecting books” which is a thoughtful selection due to finite “book real estate” in order to have room for books that patrons like to read, find resourceful, relevant, and quality”.
 - Books that are being sorted out include those that are no longer being used, research books, which are more update on the internet, classic books that need to be replaced, damaged books, “shelf sitter” books that have not been checked out for over 5 years.
 - Jane emphasized that cleaning out unused books increases circulation and interlibrary loan helps with book diversity and nables staff to discover gaps in collection that need to be filled in as well as update the electronic card catalog.
 - Books that are keepers are: series, Vermont authors and books of local interest and classics (favorites of library patrons). One association member suggested to take regularly out loved books and solicit suggestions of keepers from patrons.
 - Reviewers are still needed for children books and other specialties. Reviewers who have been helping include often have specialty knowledge and following the MUSTIE process: Misleading (out of date reference books), Ugly (physical condition), Superseded (almanac, cookbooks), Trivial (popular at time, instant books about immediate tragedies, politics, crafts books), I = irrelevant, E = elsewhere.

- Books that are being culled are boxed and readied for the book sale with special pricing. 11 books culled out of the Young Adults section and will be purchased by Miranda Moody Miller for her class.
- Nominations for the 2019-2020 Board of Trustees: The current board set up a nominating slate for board to meet needs which include technology, leadership, fundraising and other skills. To involve join a committee. It was noted that 5 trustee positions needed to be filled.
 - Hank asked whether the nomination process is in the bylaws. Answer: a nominating ad-hoc committee was established.
 - Question of structure of the board: does every Emeritus get to go back on the board? Answer no.
 - Lisa Locke explained that the slate includes 3 people for 3 yr. terms: Shirley Montagne, Greg Thurston, Kathryn Tudish; 2-year term: Linda Weiss; 1-year term: Jane Conner.
 - Moved, second and unanimously approved.
- Farewells and many thanks to current trustees: Lisa Locke, Laura Waterman, Greg Renner.
- The Board invites all who may be interested to participate library committees and circulation desk. The library has a list of trustee expectations for future interested board members.
- Fundraiser: Miranda Moody Miller described a fundraiser of Fair-Trade coffee and chocolate products where the library earns 40% return on all products that are sold. Multiple orders can be submitted (\$150 for free shipping). Online website may have special offers. The information will be left at the circulation desk and there is no intension to knock on doors.
- Raffle draw for the Simon Pearce vases created winners of Martha Cook and Holly Groschner.
- Lisa announced a new raffle for spring and summer, which is a gorgeous etching by Bruce Peck. Draw time uncertain.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 pm

Respectively, Shirley Montagne, Secretary