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BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
6:30pm, April 16, 2024
At the library and offered on zoom

Trustees present: At the library: Shirley Montagne, Kathryn Price, Dina Dubois, Zoe Tilley Poster, Tania Aebi, Nick Kramer, and Carl Demrow. Staff present: Jen Spanier, Director.

Shirley brought the meeting to order at 6:34 pm

Nick made a motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2024, and Kathryn seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurers' Report. Shirley noted the improvement in the library's financial situation compared to two months ago, with the towns voting to increase their contributions and the reciept of a $5,000 donation. Nick suggested using some of the windfall to begin to build an operating reserve.

Jen spoke a bit about the generator grant and we discussed the options. It was suggested the full buildings and grounds committee work with Jen. One of the questions raised was about the annual operating and maintenance costs.

Tania moved to accept the treasurer's report and Kathryn seconded. Motion passed.

On to the directors report: Catherine Tudish has been holding a writer's workshop and that has been successfull. Jaqueline Labate is hosting a math camp during vacation week. Laura Waterman just did a reading of her new book and the Vermont Cartoonist Laureate is visiting tomorrow. Lots of other programs including a teen movie night. Kimberly secured a $1,000 literacy and enrichment grant that will include a pollinator garden. Little RIvers offered a grant of $1,200 for youth activities. We should be hearing on the pavilion grant that Jen submittted soon. Katherine Lea and Nick Zandstra helped out with designs and estimates for the grant. The total request was for $180,000 and included the solar system. Dina loves the 1,000 book Grow-A-Reader program!

Nick moved to approve the directors report and Tania seconded.

Zoe talked about the book sale and the spring rumpus. In addition to the sale of hundreds of books that have already been donated, there will be pizza, plant sale, activities for kids, Dan and Dina's caravan, and the church will be having a bake sale. Shirley and Jen will be meeting with Ann Peck on May 10th to prepare for the art/house/garden tour.

Tania brought up the Grant Resolution Procedure. After some good-natured quibbling, the title was changed to Grants Policy. Carl moved that we approve the policy and Kathryn seconded. The policy was adopted unanimously.

Tania also distributed the newly reconstituited board of trustees handbook and walked through the contents. All of the policies and procedures are on line.

The next meeting will be June 18 at 6:30 PM.

Nick moved to adjourn the meeting and Tania seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Demrow, secretary