

Converse Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, March 2, 2020 7:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

Present: Marybeth Durkin, Nancy Grandine (call in), Deb Robinson, Judy Russell, Pete Swart, and Georgina Voegele.

Secretary's Report – Marybeth

1. February regular meeting minutes were reviewed. Nancy made a motion to approve, Pete seconded, and all members were in favor.
2. One correction to the January minutes was made. Pete made a motion to approve, Deb seconded, and all members were in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Pete

1. The Lyme Town Library Financial Report, updated through February, was reviewed. The library remains in solid fiscal shape. Donations, copies/petty cash, and Blisters funds were the major sources of income. Outstanding bills were paid.

Library Director's Report – Judy

1. An information table at the upcoming Town Meeting is being considered. Judy will reach out to the trustees to help if this happens.
2. Judy is a member of the Lyme COVID-19 Response Team. She will meet regularly with the team and updated information will be shared with the town. Recognizing that the library is a gathering place for members of the community, potential changes in programing may occur.
3. Read Across America has been revitalized with the aid of Jennifer Wilcox, lower grade reading specialist.
4. The documentary film series has begun with a modest showing at the first film.
5. The Sustainability in Libraries event, led by Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, is scheduled for April 3 at the Kilton Library in Lebanon. More information to come.

Technology Committee – Judy

1. The five-year technology plan, last reviewed in 2014, is ongoing. Judy met with Steve to review the more immediate and future needs. There are 4 desk top public computers that are regularly used and some need updating. The staff would benefit from lap tops. A “wish list” aligning with the library’s goal will be drafted.

Fundraising Committee – Georgina and Judy

1. Nonresident letter update pending.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Judy

1. Spring clean-up day – TBD. It usually falls on the 1st weekend in May.

Friends of Lyme Library Report – Audrey/Judy

1. Book bag cleanup and rehab is nearly finished. It was a big undertaking and they have done a really nice job on this project. There are 20 new collections, organized by themes. The bags were washed and the paperback books were covered to promote life expectancy. Judy is working on catalogue organization. Considerable effort was put into these updates.
2. The spring book sale is Friday, April 3, 3-6 p.m., and Saturday, April 4, 9 a.m.-noon. No news yet on what sort of help they need, but stay tuned! The Friends will likely need help with clean up. Leftovers to the 5 college book sale are still anticipated
3. As it turns out, there will be an art show installed this spring, so the gallery room will not be exhibit-free as was suggested at the last meeting.

Other Business

1. The 2020 library holiday closings were reviewed. Pete made a motion to approve, Georgina seconded, and all members were in favor.

Upcoming Library Events

1. Rebekkah Scott Aldrich; Friday, April 3. At Kilton Library in West Lebanon.
2. Our World, Our Health Documentary Film Series:
3. Thurs., March 12, 7 p.m. *Normal Is Over: Innovative Solutions to Global Decline* (2019)
4. Thurs., March 19, 7 p.m. *What Doesn't Kill Me: Domestic Violence and the Battle for Custody* (2018)
5. Thurs., March 26, 7 p.m. *Real Boy* (2016)
6. Thurs., April 2, 7 p.m. *Resilience* (2016)
7. Thurs., April 9, 7 p.m. *Monster in the Mind: Investigating the Untruths about Alzheimer's* (2016)
8. Thurs., April 16, 7 p.m. *Seven Songs for a Long Life* (2015)
9. Tuesday, March 24, 7 p.m. Choosing a College: How to Get In and How to Pay for It, with Karl Furstenberg (Parents and students encouraged to attend.)

Adjourned 7:50pm

Respectfully submitted,
Marybeth Durkin

The mission of the Converse Free Library is to foster a love of reading in the Lyme community. In a welcoming environment, the Library provides services and resources that encourage learning, stimulate curiosity, and invite the sharing of ideas.