



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MONDAY, September 11, 2023, 7:00-9:00 PM
Location: Converse Free Library

DATE: 9/11/23 TIME: 7pm TYPE OF MEETING: Regular

PRESENT: Brigette Cameron, Melanie Isett (Chair), Meg Lysy, Alex Nunez, Erin O'Donnell, Deb Robinson, Judy Russell (Director), Courtney Wise

ABSENT: Kim Werner

PUBLIC PRESENT: Leigh Prince, School Board Liaison

Call to Order at 7:13pm

1. Public comments

2. Approval of June 5, 2023 meeting minutes

- Brigette Cameron made a motion to approve minutes and Deb Robinson seconded. All were in favor of approving the June meeting minutes

3. Library Director's Report

- Summer Reading Program 2023 recap- 99 students registered and half went through the whole program and returned their forms. 462 attendance, several successful family nights, two book groups got off the ground. 24 individual events. Stella's gave the library a good discount on the dozens of pizzas ordered. Lyme Country Store gave lots of paper goods and support. Next year's theme is "Adventure Begins at your Library"
- All library exterior trim (white) paint has been refreshed (with lead mitigation practices) and Tim Lewis gave a quote for the hand railing paint
- Solar panel installation has begun
- Mah Jongg gathering has become quite popular
- Greg Gorman's show will continue; next up is Jim Chandler's "Illuminated Poems"
- Statistics Report- August was a good month for lending. Adult programming attendance consistently high due to several ongoing programs
- Library director has asked that we resume meeting in August next summer since the summer break is too long between meetings



- SAU office lease; the move is in progress from the library to the school and is predicted by the school to be complete by end of October.

4. School Board Liaison

- Relationship with the school has evolved. Book selection and Instruction of grades 1-4 has moved to school away from library. Beginning this school year, all library services are conducted through school. This is the model that Principal D'Entremont has decided upon
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- Blisters for Books will be 2.5 hours (9-11:30am) this year instead of the whole day because teachers found it disruptive
- Birthday Book Club has been asked to be an out of school activity to be less disruptive to school time

5. Treasurer's Report – Deb

- Kudos to Deb for revising the tools and forms and all of the time she put into making the process cleaner and clearer
- Melanie suggests that we look at higher interest rates for our CD (which has moved to 3 months for greater flexibility)
- Town Budget Report for the Library from Dina received, we are in good shape
- 2024 Budget Draft- we will vote on the budget next meeting

6. Committee Reports

Technology Committee – Alex & Judy – no report

Policy Committee – Brigitte & Judy

- [Updated Afterschool Behavior \(Unattended Minors\) Policy](#)
- Brigitte explained the minor change related to internet usage and asked for a vote of approval
- Meg Lysy made a motion to approve the change, Erin O'Donnell seconded, and all approved the motion

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Erin & Judy

- Front steps project will be continued in spring
- Solar installation expected to be complete this week
- Exterior painting is complete!
- Estimate for handrail painting
- Broken basement window (Conant Room)
- Fall cleanup – tentative 10/14



Strategic Planning Committee – Courtney & Judy

- Melanie, Judy and Courtney are meeting in October to begin planning

Correspondence – Kim (absent)

- Judy appreciates help with thank you notes to acknowledge gifts and service to the library

7. Business Requiring Action or Discussion

- Follow-up meeting tasks / Shared Trustees Google sheet – Melanie to share the link
- Board vacancy – does anyone know anyone with interest?

8. Upcoming Events

- Tech Tuesdays, 1:30-3 pm
- Handcrafters Gatherings, Wednesdays, 3-5 pm
- Mah Jongg at the Library, Thursdays, 2-4 pm through Sept. 7, then time TBD
- Chess Club, Thursdays, 2-3 pm, September 14 - November 16
- Birthday Book Club: Wednesday, Sept. 13, 8:15 am
- Friends of Lyme Library Board Meeting: Monday, Sept. 18, 10:30am
- Art Show: Greg Gorman: Smorgasbord, extended to September 30
- Blisters Fundraiser, Thursday, Oct. 5, 9-11am
- Nonfiction Virtual Book Group (13+ participants plus me) resumes in September
- Fiction Book Group - TBA
- Monthly Movies - TBA
- Teatime Tuesdays for Tots/Story Times – TBA

Meeting Adjourned: 9:17pm

Submitted and recorded by Meg Lysy