



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MONDAY, November 6, 2023, 7:00-9:00 PM
Location: Converse Free Library

DATE: 11/6/23 TIME: 7pm TYPE OF MEETING: Regular

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

ABSENT: Courtney Wise

PUBLIC PRESENT: Leigh Prince, School Board Liaison

Call to Order at 7:11pm

1. Public comments

2. Approval of October 2, 2023 meeting minutes

- Alex Nunez made a motion to approve minutes and Kim Werner seconded. All were in favor of approving the October meeting minutes

3. Library Director's Report

- Reviewed Librarian's Report– largest circulation (3,192 items) in three years was reached this past month; 452 e-audiobooks; 156 e-periodicals
- SAU office is vacant as of this past Friday
- Reviewed upcoming events and events that are in the works
- Blisters for Books has raised \$9,097.05 to date
- The future of the Birthday Book Club is not known

4. School Board Liaison

- Education Committee Meeting – rescheduled to 11/7/23 from 4:15-5pm and discussion ensued about the larger questions that remain about the future of the school and library relationship (roles, policies, responsibilities etc.)
- Does the student handbook include going to the library as a field trip?

5. Treasurer's Report – Deb

- Review of library checking account and town budget report



- Discussion about contribution to restoration of fence next to the library in consultation with the Princes

6. Committee Reports

- Technology Committee – Alex & Judy – no report
- Policy Committee – Brigette & Judy
 - Reviewed library policies and realized that the policy committee could not make progress until the relationship between school and library is clarified by school administration
- Buildings and Grounds Committee – Erin & Judy
 - Fall cleanup recap
 - Judy will move forward with fixing the front step
- Strategic Planning Committee – Courtney & Judy
 - Committee discussion involved planning for the future maintenance and infrastructure costs for the building as well as the potential space needs for the library collection and community programming
 - Succession planning and adding or shifting roles/responsibilities of staff
- Correspondence – Kim
 - How do we handle acknowledging Blister donations? Judy has thanked the people who gave outright pledge on their own (not through a child asking) and the rest are thanked through Judy's listserv posting

7. Business Requiring Action or Discussion

8. Upcoming Events

- Tech Tuesdays, 1:30-3 pm
- Handcrafters Gatherings, Wednesdays, 3-5 pm
- Mah Jongg at the Library, Mondays, 1:30-3:30pm
- Chess Club, Thursdays, 2-3 pm, ends November 16
- Friends of Lyme Library Board Meeting: Monday, Nov. 13, 10:30am
- Art Show: Illuminated Poems by James Chandler, ends December 30
- Nonfiction Virtual Book Group
- Fiction Book Group - TBA
- Monthly Movies - Monday, Nov. 3 (The Super Mario Bros.) and Dec. 5 (Elemental), 3-5pm
- Ladybug Storytime with Miss Judy - Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15am

Meeting Adjourned: 8:52pm

Submitted and recorded by Meg Lysy