



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MONDAY, April 1, 2024, 7:00-9:00 PM
Location: Converse Free Library

DATE: 4/1/24 TIME: 7pm TYPE OF MEETING: Regular

PRESENT: Alex Bortolot, Melanie Isett (Chair), Philip Kinsler, Meg Lysy, Alex Nunez, Erin O'Donnell, Deb Robinson, Judy Russell (Director), Kim Werner, Courtney Wise

ABSENT:

PUBLIC PRESENT: Leigh Prince, School Board Liaison

Call to Order at 7:08pm

1. Public comments

- Leigh Prince said that the cedar fence that abuts their house needs repair and staining and wants us to keep this in mind for our spring workdays

2. Approval of March meeting minutes

- Courtney Wise made a motion to approve and Deb Robinson seconded, all in favor

3 School Board Liaison – Leigh Prince

- School policies related to borrowing privileges and collection development are in draft policy stage and in committee and moving forward to discussion at the April 18 meeting
- Leigh asks the board to think about the school liaison position/role and its usefulness and necessity as the school and library establish separate policies.; perhaps the education committee (data assessment, curriculum, strategic planning) could be the go-to committee for information and the library director can continue to work with management at the school

4. Library Director's Report

- Highlights from the Librarian's Report:
 - The workroom downstairs is wonderful for projects and spreading out!
 - Programming is happening downstairs every afternoon but Friday



- Dungeons and Dragons could be a possibility for a game-afternoon in the spring or summer (Adventure Begins at your Library is the theme this summer)
- Neighborhood Book Group is beginning in May – check out the books!
- Blisters for Books will continue next year in the same way as it existed this year
- 15 people attended the March 21 “Singing Tour of South Africa with Village Harmony,” presented by Lyme’s Sarah Shipton
- 3,144 items circulated in March, 3rd best month in the past 4 years; a big bump in the people through the door
- New accounts this month, spread across the different types of memberships
- Heritage Quest bump this month – 59 searches
- 321 NYT website redemptions

5. Treasurer’s Report – Deb

- Library checking account
- Birthday Book Club money from 2022-2023 has been spent down
- CD rollover update

6. Committee Reports

Policy Committee – Melanie

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Erin

- Interior painting update - after April 17
- Spring cleanup – save the date for May 4th and 5th
- Seeking dates for steps and railing painting, both definitely happening
- Erin and Judy to meet to discuss other projects that need to happen (a tour with a clipboard!)

Strategic Planning Committee – Courtney and Melanie

- The strategic plan draft presented; 3 overall categories
 1. Meeting Infrastructure Costs & Exploring Building Improvements - capital improvement, buildings and grounds
 2. Evaluating Overall Library Staffing Needs
 3. Meeting the Library Needs of an Evolving Community- the community survey results will be the essence of this section
- Kim Werner moves to accept the draft as written, Courtney Wise seconded
- Demographics of Lyme community will be included in the appendix
- Amendments: Move section 3 to section 1; add sustainability to part 1; continue to clarify school and public library relations to section 3 (soon to be section 1)
- Kim Werner accepts the ‘friendly amendments’; all in favor



7. Business Requiring Action or Discussion

- Welcome new trustees: Alex Bortolot and Phil Kinsler
- Blisters for Books-Tentative date: Friday, October 4
- Friends of Lyme Library - entrance rehabilitation/beautification project. Melanie is a member of the subcommittee

8. Upcoming Events

- Tech Tuesdays, 1:30-3 pm
- Handcrafters Gathering, Wednesdays, 3-5 pm
- Mah Jongg at the Library, Mondays, 1:30-5:00 pm
- Chess Club, Thursdays, 2-3pm, February 29-April 4
- Nonfiction Virtual Book Group, Neighborhood Book Group - ongoing
- Laurie Wadsworth's adorable Steiff animals are in the Peggy Little Display Case
- Friends Art Show. Matthew Greenway: Recent Landscapes, April 7 - June 29
- Thursday, April 4, 5:30 p.m., online. "Decoding the Mysteries of Cats, or Why Cats Do What They Do." Sponsored in Lyme by Friends of Lyme Library and co-presented with Moultonborough Public Library and Newmarket Public Library
- Wednesday, April 17, 5:30-7pm. Art Show Opening for Matthew Greenway's April -June show (Betty Grant Gallery, sponsored by Friends of Lyme Library)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:59pm

Next Meeting: May 6, 2024, 7-9pm

Submitted and recorded by Meg Lysy