

Brownell Library Trustees

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2016

Brownell Trustees in Attendance: Christine Packard, Penny Egan, Erin Egan, Beth Glaspie, Linda Costello, Sheila Porter, Dottie Bergendahl, Sydney Turer, Nicole Yandow

Brownell Staff in Attendance: Wendy Hysko, Susan Pierce

Meeting called to order at 7pm by Christine Packard.

The Recording Secretary for June meeting, which will be held in the Lincoln Hall Meeting Room, will be Penny Egan.

Minutes from April 19, 2016 meeting accepted as amended.

Financial Report: Trustee CD is \$2,697; Trustee Fund is \$1,559.

The budget appears as though we may come in well under projections by the end of the fiscal year. Wendy advises a number of expenditures will be made in Buildings/Grounds with repairs and renovations in progress, and the Computer Replacement budget has been spent as of this month. While we are in a good position, we will likely not be as far under as it appears.

Financial Report acknowledged.

Beth shared two comments from out of state parties who are patrons of the library.

Wendy said the Youth Staff extends their appreciation to the Brownell Trustees who have helped transition the Picture Book Room. They're still looking for volunteers to help with sanding.

A new Teen Trustee member will be needed as Erin graduates this year. Sydney will work with Mary K. and Mary to find a new member. Erin anticipates the August meeting will be her last.

Foundation Report: Hannaford sold 54 bags and will be sending a donation of \$108. The Friends of the Brownell Library no longer exist, but there has been no acknowledgement from the Secretary of State's Office as to whether the merger is approved. A new shelf will be ordered which will be the new Perpetual Book Sale shelf. The Trustees will benefit from the Book Sale for the full month of May through June 4th due to library closures. The Foundation flyer will be redesigned. The Foundation will be recruiting new board members and inviting

people to attend the August meeting. They are looking for at least two Trustees to serve on the Foundation beginning in January, 2017. They are also looking for people to help maintain the Book Sale room, but not be members of the Foundation Board.

Building renovations are underway. Due dates have already been extended. A satellite library will be operating from the Kolvoord Room and notifications have been made through several avenues.

Recreation Governance Study Committee update: the libraries do not appear to be a topic of the conversation at this time. People seem to really be considering the big picture and are really looking for a long term plan.

Lake Monsters Fundraiser - The game is June 25th. The tickets must be purchased online using a special code. Tickets are \$7 each.

Reading Frederick Douglass, a Vermont Humanities Council Program, was presented by Beth. The event started in Boston, MA in 2009. It's a community reading of a Frederick Douglass speech to be hosted around July 4th. While it sounds like a great idea, with the construction, it doesn't seem to be something we could tackle this year. Thoughts were to coordinate with other local organizations to maximize involvement.

The change of leadership at the Senior Center was reviewed.

Memorial Day Book Sale: Packing and Organizing on Friday, May 27th books should be boxed up beginning at 4pm (please bring boxes). Dottie will bring money. Setup will be Saturday, May 28th at 8:30am. Need signs indicating: \$1 Hardcover and Media, \$.50 Adult Paperback, and \$.25 Children's Books. Also need to have someone man the door until the library opens at 9am.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm

Minutes submitted by: Nicole Yandow