Brownell Library Trustee Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2018

Brownell Trustees in attendance: Andy Kolovos, Carrie Egan, Sydney Turer, Ann Wadsworth, Joe Knox, Christine Packard, Sheila Porter, Linda Costello, Beth Custer, Dottie Bergendahl

Staff in attendance: Wendy Hysko, Hannah Tracy

The meeting was called to order by Christine Packard at 7:00pm.

Two items were added to the agenda. Sheila moved that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted, Andy seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Christine announced that Nina Curtiss has resigned from the library trustee board. The board will need a new treasurer.

Financial Report:
Trustee Funds are $2229.19. Trustee CD is $2720.06. Dottie said that the budget is on track for the year.

Announcements:
On May 4th there will be a Star Wars themed party “May the 4th Be With You”.
Max Holzman was unable to file his village paperwork on time and is running as a write in candidate.
There was a toilet problem in the bathroom on the middle level that affected other bathrooms. It has been fixed.

Reports:
A discussion of emergency access to the Brownell was discussed because of an incident of a forgotten purse.

Foundation Report:
Dottie described the Feb. 20 book scanning work. The need for new Foundation Board members was discussed. Suggestions were made about possible places to post information about the board openings.

Old Business:
Penny Fund framing is almost complete.
The staff has ordered a slide scanner that will work with multiple media.
Budget planning, vote April 4. All library trustees should attend the meeting. Brownell will have a table that Andy and Joe will “man”. Hannah will collect a selection of information for the table. Wendy will arrange for the table.
Trustee portrait will wait for a full trustee board.
Town meeting recount did not change the results.
The Pun Off will be on April 6 at 7pm with contestants arriving at 6:30.” Punny” snacks will be welcome. Linda moved and Sheila seconded a motion to provide $15 for prize money from Trustee funds. The motion passed.
New Business:
Joe volunteered to be treasurer. Dottie moved and Linda seconded electing Joe treasurer. Motion passed.
Planning is starting for an Essex Junction History Day. Andy, Wendy and Penny Egan will form a working group. Sheila will ask Carl Houghton if he could tell Essex stories. The village is 125 years old this year.
Hannah presented a overview of the new Brownell Library website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Dottie Bergendahl