

Minutes of September 2021 Brownell Trustees Meeting
Minutes taken by Beth Custer

Present: Dottie Bergendahl, Linda Costello, Christine Packard, Andy Kolovos, Helen Donahey, Beth Custer, Ann Wadsworth, Joe Knox, Wendy Hysko, Allison Pierce, Isabella Silva

Called to order by Christine Packard at 7:07

Agenda Changes/deletions:

-no changes

Minutes of Tuesday, August 17th 2021

-motion to accept by Dottie, 2nd by Andy. Approved

Financial Report:

-Everything good to be on track for the year. Andy moved to acknowledge the financial report, Dottie 2nd. Approved.

Announcements:

-Andy has been asked to be on the working group to research what the future of the Libraries in the State of Vermont will be. It's a 2 year position.

Reports:

-update on homeless teen- he's around but not parking at the public lot anymore. He has been offered help by the outreach team but does not want it.

-working on identifying the teens that are taking the food from the little pantry and throwing it around the library yard.

-No news on the ventilation issue at the Library, waiting to hear back from the company.

Committee Reports:

-no committee

Foundation Reports:

– book donation day was successful last Saturday. Collection day 3rd Saturday in October but on hold for November and December. Made about \$400.00 on book sales. Application is in for an ARPA grant.

– Need people for the Foundation board and to help.

Old Business:

COVID operations:

– nothing has changed recently. With school cases, there may be more staff that need to quarantine due to family.

– Getting closer to hiring staff, if we have more staffing we will open up for Saturday hours.

– Train hop is in the works??? Wendy will touch base with EJRP on their plans.

EJ Independence plan update:

-There is a new charter created that will be voted on soon for Village independence. The pavilion is being used for outreach on the independence from 9-10:30 every Saturday morning.

Library Budget:

They met 3 Fridays in a row, and have created a new budget. The budget has an increase of 12% due to increased salary demand, filled vacancy, and moderate increase in book collection.

-Applied for grants through the state for the self serve book lockers.

Staff appreciation:

-The staff would really appreciate a gift certificate to the Nest/Firebird. Andy moved to purchase \$15.00 gift cards for 13 staff to the Nest/Firebird. Dottie 2nd. Passed unanimously.

New Business:

Staff updating:

- 1 new shelver starts Thursday. Reference checking circulation desk position for youth and adults. Once that is filled, library will post for circulation desk helper for adult side that couldn't be filled earlier this summer. Hoping to increase pay to help attract more candidates.

Adjournment:

- Meeting called for adjournment at 8:09pm by Dottie, 2nd by Andy.