

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING NOTES

March 25, 2021

APPROVED

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Opened: 3:12 PM

Present: Sallie Wilder, Becky Ketchum, Marla Bottesch and Robin Wilson, librarian.

-Minutes approved as written.

-Election of officers advanced to next meeting when all trustees can be present.

-Librarian's Updates:

- * Some birdhouse crafts went to Quimby group. No other craft projects went out.

- * Discussion of publicity surrounding library re-opening: The Town Page and the library page both have the notice that the library is open, but neither is very or immediately obvious. The electronic sign is loud and clear with the open information. The sign by the sports field does not publicize re-opening. Additionally, Librarian reported that no flyers have been put up around town.

- * No progress with on-line story telling. Believe it cannot be done without FB.

- Finance Report: Sallie questioned the need for new electronic exit signs where simple board signs would do as well. It was suggested that when there is a power outage the electronic sign stays lighted, showing the way out if necessary.

- Fourteen books were chosen for purchase*. Selections started with 8 voted upon by 3 or more participants (trustees/librarian) before the meeting ; an additional 6 were discussed and selected during the meeting , (with the exception of Danielle Steel's new book) all had 2 votes or more. It should be noted that popular author John Grisham's new book was not selected because it is sports-related fiction and such fiction has not had a wide reach in the past. The Librarian will monitor it in the coming weeks when she reviews the NYT list of best sellers. If it has a wide reach it may go back on the suggestions list.

- Richard sent a document with an update on the heat pump and frozen sewer line. Two heat pumps have been purchased for the Mercer Street Library at an initial cost of \$7,600, but with the rebate the total cost to the library will be \$2,400. Work is tentatively scheduled to start next week. The problem with the sewer line will be seen to this summer.

- Reminder to send book selections to Becky a week before the next meeting. Selections should be in no later than Thursday noon, April 15. All submissions should include title, author, designation: Fiction /Non-Fiction, Maine author/setting, Adult/YA/Children, genre and a couple of sentences about the book. End goal is to

have a variety by genre and by known patron interest. Robin will deliver a list of the ten most read authors for selection guidance.

- Next meeting: April 22, 2021 at 3 PM via zoom.

Adjourned at 4 PM

Submitted by Marnie Bottesch, Sect.

- Books selected (# designation from full March suggestion list):
Top 8: #3,4,9,12,16,18,19,22 and 1,8,10,14,17,20