



Norridgewock Board of Library Trustees
Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2023
3:30 PM
Norridgewock Public Library – Mercer Rd.

Meeting opened at 3:40 PM.

Present: Marnie Bottesch, Becky Ketchum, Jean Lancaster, Jill Lawrence, Gloria Nicholson, and Librarian Robin Wilson

Minutes of Last Meeting: Reviewed and approved (May 25).

Feedback: Ann Dorney Bird Walk was cancelled due to weather, but Ann and two people who appeared before the cancellation notice went up enjoyed (but for bugs) a one-hour walk along the rail trail. We will try to schedule another walk during the fall migration. (Reminder: 12 Maine Birds booklets ordered for this event).

Final story time of the year was held on 6/15 and was a big success with Gloria's animals on the pond theme.

On-going Business:

- Summer Children's Program: 4 Thursdays at 10:30 -- 7/13 Rabbits/ Gloria & Becky; 7/20 Fox/ Gloria & Jean; 7/27 Deer/Jean & Jill; 8/3 Raccoon/Jill & Becky. One flyer will be designed showing all four animals; Gloria/Robin will finalize this.
- Summer Book Challenge: Robin is working on re-vamping last year's display and will revise it also to include a promo for "read most books." Becky will get the prizes (raffle drawing and winner of most books read).
- Yoga Program 8/5 at 9 at Oosoola Park; Liz Bailey, a certified yoga instructor, will be the leader.
- Fire Safety Day 8/5, 10:30 to noon. Jill/Becky/Marnie. Outside display will encourage attendees to go inside the library after the fire dept demo. Robin reported that there are 12 fire safety books and 2 posters (by fridge).
- Oosoola Days: banner & bags—Robin will follow-up with RL on this (RL or trustees to get?). Library will have tables both days. Airport: Jill & Jean; Park: Sallie & Marnie. Will give out free books (including Gov't Money Master books recently received by library). May have Oosoola-related committee meeting prior to the regular trustee Aug meeting if needed.
- Online newspaper has been set up, but not officially launched. Robin reported that RL is working on flyers. Current set-up provides access from one computer. Access by icon, no password (this allows library to keep the password confidential).

Planning & New Business

- Voted to bring back the popular Chewonki Owls program. Date will not be finalized until fall but Marnie will reserve a date with Chewonki **now**, based on what Jill learns from Rec chair about fall sports schedule and from school calendar. Several Oct dates explored.

- Fine Arts: two programs added. 7/15 Iver Lofting film and 7/22 John Alsop Meet & Greet. Both at 10:30.

Other:

- Brief discussion on library staffing related to hiring new librarian. Unanimous vote: Trustees do not see viability of trustee/friend of the library/ other volunteer management of the desk on permanent, fixed schedule basis.
- Transition Librarian: Sallie and Robin will meet to review/refresh: passwords, checkout, book purchases, LP books, email list access & how to send out reminders, online newspaper, management of FB; Robin will talk to Nina RE: working with Sallie for book club and tentative fine arts events.

July Book Picks

- Lady Tan's Circle of Women
- This Other Eden
- Dead Man's Wake: A Novel
- Near Miss (Stone Barrington)
- Yellowface
- The Survivor LP
- Hermit: The mysterious Life of Jim Whyte
- Little Fox in the Forest
- The Hill We Climb
- Bald Eagles, Bear Cubs and Hermit Bill
- Identity
- Red Dirt Road
- How to Stand Up to a Dictator
- Between Shades of Gray
- Three post-meeting librarian picks: Must Love Flowers (Macomber LP), Welcome to Beach Town (Susan Wiggs LP), The Best I Can Do (John Branning- humor)

Next Meeting: August 24 @ 3:30 (no meeting currently scheduled for July)

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM

Submitted by Becky Ketchum 6/28/2