

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING NOTES**JUNE 24, 2021**

Opened at 10:07 A.M.

Present: Becky Ketchum, Sallie Wilder, Marnie Bottesch, Robin Wilson, Librarian

Minutes accepted with opening time correction (10:16 opened, not 9:16)

Action needed on Town Library Page: the old Chewonki Owl program should be removed and the upcoming one on Maine Mammals should be featured.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Covid relief funds have come through the MSL to Norridgewock to the extent of \$3000. The Board is asking what the grand total of all library received Covid -related grants comes to and what amounts remain in these accounts. Our understanding is that this money is for all Covid-related expenses the library has already paid for: glass desk enclosure, gloves, masks, dispensers, cleaning supplies, wi-fi extension, etcetera.

As to the metal Project Connect signs, there is the issue of the posts which are more expensive than the signs. Wonder if simple wire frames that stick into the ground and/or attaching ball field signs to the ball field fence would work as cost savings alternatives to posts. The speculation is that ARPA may pay for some of the sign-related costs, but not all. We tabled this discussion until more information on the funding.

Marnie will contact Chewonki with the time of performance (11:00 AM on September 25) and will have them adjust the contract to librarian's name and the location of the event to the Grange Hall. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the Chewonki program be paid out of 2021 funds budgeted specifically for programming (not out of the Eastman Fund).

Some current suggestions for the Eastman Fund, among others to come, a program at Sophie May Library (SML) to teach Ancestry.com, getting photo album digitized, etc. Some discussion also on possible help from Maine State Library (MSL), Colby, etc. in terms of tasks. Covid restrictions have been removed, but MSL still tied up due to renovations.

It was agreed that the library will be opened to children once again, no appt. necessary. After the State mandated indoor mask wearing ends on June 30th, we will continue to ask unvaccinated adults to mask. But the little ones? (Checked with Skowhegan Library and they will take little ones without masks after 6/30). Robin will ask Richard to update the Town Page.

Review of the flier for the Summer Reading Program: We would like to have one page each, children & adults separately. In order to make children's a one page/2 sided doc: book list-keep pictures but use slightly smaller font for title text, reduce size of logo, use

small font for library contact info, remove library trustee names and change title to Suggested Summer Reading for Kids. Adult doc will include prize illustration/info as well as suggested reading ideas.

A total of \$238.70 for June books, which will include these numbers:
1,5,11,12,13,15,16,18,21,23,26,27, 28, 33, 34,35,44.

Please come to the next meeting with ideas for September events/programs/books.

Next meeting: July 22, 2021

Adjourned 11:43 A.M.

Submitted on one of the hottest days of the year by Marnie Bottesch, Secr.