

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING NOTES

JULY 22, 2021

Opened at 10:15 AM

Present: Becky Ketchum, Sallie Wilder, Marla Bottesch, Robin Wilson, librarian and Richard LaBelle, Town Manager

Noted before agenda items: Two board members resigned, leaving two openings on the Board

Meeting notes of June 24, 2021 accepted as written.

The Town got Covid relief funds for all covered library spending. The Library was not covered for the plastic surround for the librarian's desk. Why not? Who to ask? This is obviously Covid-related \$1500 cost to us.

Discussion followed about use of ARPA grant money (\$3000). Suggestion made to apply some of it toward plastic surround cost. This is not doable as ARPA grant money has to be used for new expenses. Another idea was to use some of the funds for ProjectConnect.

After discussion we voted to buy a post for the metal Project Connect sign at SML, which identifies SML as origin of Wi-Fi.

We also voted to authorize the purchase of 3 Audubon Nature Explorer Packs, for a total of \$350. Robin came up with this idea after confirming enthusiastic usage of the packs by the Skowhegan Library. **(Note: Post meeting put this on-hold pending further development of proposal by librarian.)** Another idea she had for the grant money was updating the children's section furniture. Checking to see if there is the possibility for the Summer Reading Program expenses to be reimbursed under the grant.

Robin is looking at another grant, the ALA grant, for small and rural libraries addressing community needs. She will provide more details about this grant at the next meeting.

Librarian's Report correction of Unique Patrons: a line was omitted, there were 10 patrons who visited 2 times—delete first line that read 2 patrons visited 10 times. With this correction, the total number of patrons is as noted in the report, 29.

Robin thought the Summer Reading was going well. The Face Book Watch page has pictures of children completing crafts projects given out in the program. There are 12 adults and 10 children participating. Adult weekly winners have been identified for weeks 1 and 2 (2 winners per week) and have given their picks for book purchases to Robin. These books will be ordered and the first check-out for each will be reserved for the winner who picked the book.

The Sep 18 Deb Brown reading is going to be rescheduled. **(Note: new date confirmed post board meeting: Saturday, October 2).** Story time is now commencing on Tuesday, July 27th. This needs to be publicized! Or is it limited to Quimby Day Care? Attendees at the *Mocha Overboard* event expressed interest in other author/story time events. Robin is working on this. Other upcoming events need to be promoted. Robin shared drafts of the promo calendar pieces for use inside the library for Fire/Author Reading/Chewonki and a flyer for the fire dept visit to be circulated around town. Some suggestions/corrections made to each.

August display/program missing from Librarian's Report (see June LR for August plan). Next month LR will revert to the original 3-month format: show Sep/Oct/Nov. Discussion on October Indigenous People Display—importance of having Native authors represented.

Books chosen for purchase: 1,4,6,7, 10, 11, 14,16, 19,20,21, 23,24,26,29,38

Adjourned: 11:45

Submitted by Marnie Bottesch, secr.