

**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING NOTES****AUGUST 26, 2021**

Opened at 10:07 AM

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

Meeting notes of July 22, 2021 accepted as written.

Reviewed Richard LaBelle's memorandum: Noting the 6 cases of frog finger puppets received, cost around \$100, with associated materials which can be printed at the office. Sewer repairs completed.

Book Return Box needs waterproofing and a paint job (or a replacement?). Can ARPA be used for this, or ALA?

ALA grant is being sought for January, in advance of the March Town Meeting—Plan is to have a Community Conservation at the school to quiz the candidates for all open Select and other Board positions. There will be an independent moderator (perhaps a gov't student from Colby, coffee, and snacks.

As to book donations, Robin will go over the list and decide on those to keep and those to sell. Discards from the SML were also discussed. Marnie and Becky will use the scanner on a non-library day to remove discards from the catalog. This would save having to take the books to the main library or Robin having to work at SML on an off day. Most of these books will be history/politics so the buyer's audience may be limited. Discussion as to where to sell them as a result—there is a Historical Society sale and a Village Improvement Society sale where the discards could be offered. There is someone from the last sale who may be interested in buying the remains after the sales. Robin will provide his name/contact information.

On using ARPA funds by December 31, 2021, Sallie brought four book bags with two different silkscreen designs. It was suggested that she find the cost for a new silk-screening apparatus to be used at the library in classes for library participants. This would be an interesting new library offering and materials may fall in one of the grant categories. In the meantime, Robin will investigate Brandi's design business to get costs for iron-on designs of our making.

Marnie Bottesch volunteered to staff the library table at the airport Sunday, for part of the day. Robin can be there until noon.

Story Hour—will try Saturday mornings, every other week. The Quimby group came once at the Tuesday time. Robin will see what's happening there. It was agreed that is it very important to have the Saturday story hour plans and schedule in place in time to promote this with a flyer and reminder cards at the library table at the airport and park, as both days attract large numbers of young/story hour-aged families.

Robin posted pictures of the winners of the Reading Program on Facebook. She will get paper copies to display. Really nice smiles and lot of energy emanating from the kids.

Robin received a request for photos and ephemera related to women directors of local libraries. She has some material and an invitation that will be sent to the person to visit SML and peruse the collection. Work will be done digging out more material, most notably missing bio on longtime librarian Elsie Stanley.

Adjourned: 11:40 AM

Submitted by Marnie Bottesch, secr.