

Pettee Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes for April 14, 2015

Present: Carolyn Palmer, *chair*; Louis Clark, *treasurer*; Meg Streeter, *secretary*, Karina Martin, Amy Swanson and library personnel: Allison Maynard, Jennifer Razee and Helena Queenie.

Meeting called to order at 6 p.m.

Potential Addition of Items to the Agenda: update on Lawrence building zoning permit

Secretary's Report: Minutes for March 10, 2015 were emailed for review. Karina made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 10th board meeting, Amy seconded and so voted by Karina, Amy and Carolyn (Louis and Meg were not present March 10)

Treasurer's Report: The library has received a generous donation in memory of Jonathan Lappin from the estate of Shirley Lappin whose family said "your organization meant so much to Mason and Shirley Lappin during the time that their late son, Jonathan Lappin was missing".

Louis presented his report. Cash available as of March 31, 2015: General Fund Checking - \$7,595.97, Revitalization Fund Checking -\$37,989.42, Boyd Fund Checking - \$19,458.46 **Total Cash Available - \$65,043.85.** Friends of the Library - \$3,323.64, Endowment Funds - \$57,447.88, General Fund -\$4,272.33 **Total Cash Available - \$65,043.85.** Meg moved to accept the treasurer's report, Karina seconded and so voted.

Librarian's Report: Circulation: 1872 Attendance: 1314 Website visits: 9132 Computer usage:165 Interlibrary loans:37sent/47 borrowed One Click:8 new/42 circs . Allison's report follows:

- I have scheduled two events for Summer Reading program. The first is on July 14th. Cosponsored by Bartleby's, it will be a reading and book signing by local author Laura Stevenson. The second is a two-part writing class hosted by the Library and given by Laura Stevenson. The dates for that will be July 16th and 23rd at 10 AM. I hope to continue the Thursday morning classes with technology classes, gardening classes, painting classes, knitting classes, etc.
- I would like to have "Louisa May Alcott" in for a Living History Presentation this summer. I am trying to figure out the best time to have it.
- The story of recent security issues and decision to install alarms is highlighted on "Good Ideas from Vermont Public Libraries." <http://vtgoodideas.wordpress.com>
- On Thursday, March 26th, the Adult Book Club met and discussed *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed. We had an attendance of 7. We had a few new faces this time and a really interesting conversation. We will be reading *Radiance of Tomorrow* by Ishmael Beah for April's book club meeting.

- Our FiberConnect usage continues to rise. We had a huge surge in client sessions this month with 1250 connections via our network. We were 8th in the state for usage last month.
- Allison plans to attend a September conference "Lead the Change" in Hanover, NH.

Youth Services Librarian's Report: Total of programs: 16. Number of attendees: 53 children and teens, 50 adults.

- Collaboration with Deerfield Valley Partnership with showing of "Hungry Heart" film.
- Bring your child to the Library -- spray colored flowers out front and did a book giveaway.
- Community Base program is helping with small projects and skills development
- Attended VT DOL Summer Reading Program Workshop in Killington
- April Vacation schedule -- Wildlife Museum Monday 4/20 @ 11 AM
- Dorothy Canfield Fisher book luncheon at TVES is May 7th
- Junie B. Jones book van is coming to TVES on May 15th
- Village strolls will be July 3, July 18 and August 8 with family events at the library on those dates. Library will be closed on Saturday July 4th.

Meg updated the board about the plans presented at the March 30 zoning hearing for a Mexican restaurant, catering kitchen and one bedroom apt at the Lawrence property to the north of the library. One emergency exit only is planned for the library side of the new building with no construction, pathway or access on the library property. The main public access will be along the Poncho's Wreck and Anchor Restaurant driveway.

The board discussed plans for a future meeting with a past board member and then spent time listing possible participants in the Strategic Planning Process this summer. Allison will determine the dates in early June and in August when facilitator Amy Howlett will be available. Once the June date is set, library staff and board members will approach community members as to their availability to participate in two summer meetings. At the May board meeting, a list of participants will be available and planning will be finalized.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Streeter, Secretary