

Fair Haven Free Library
Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Present: Judy Gevry, Chris Sheldon, Ceil Hunt, Thom Bruso, and Carol Scott

Judy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

The minutes from the May 17th meeting were reviewed. Chris moved to accept the minutes as written. Thom seconded. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Any monies left over have been encumbered for the work to be done on the sprinkler system. We also received a small grant (Winnie Belle Learned for \$500) which has been noted in the report. Ceil moved to accept the report as written. Thom seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Librarian's Report

- Volunteer Hours for the Month of May 2023 130 hours
- Seven Book Club members met to discuss The Storyteller by Jodie Picoult on May 8th in the library.
- Automation project continues. Our totals at the end of May were 1299 patrons and 16,894 books entered in the system. In May we added 5 patrons. We also added 55 items to the system and discarded 132. Carol noted that many of the discards were audio books. Discarded items are put in the book sale downstairs.
- The Take and Make for May/June was sunflower seed kits. We distributed 56 of them.
- The Friends held a meeting on June 14th. Nine members attended. They discussed angels, programming, purchasing a slate clock, TV, and having repair work done on the leaded glass over the front door. Next Friends meeting is Monday June 26th.

The Board did take a look at the front transom and agreed that reparations need to be made. We discussed who might be able to do the work with leaded glass.

- The Friends held a book sale on Saturday May 20th. That sale made \$146.25 downstairs and \$0 upstairs. They also had a sale on Wednesday June 7th. It made \$81 downstairs and \$15 upstairs. The next sale is this Saturday June 24th.from 10am-noon.
- Story Walk is set for this summer in the park. Nate has chosen 4 books which will each be up for one week beginning July 15th. The Story Walk is dedicated to June Dorion this year.

- Mary Kay met with the new rec director on Friday June 9th. The plans are to have the younger kids come for story time and the older ones do library tours. Story times will begin on June 27th at 10 am with guest readers. We will skip Tuesday July 4th as the library is closed and have story times July 11th, 16th, and 25th. Tuesday August 1st Southern Vermont History Museum will bring a wildlife program to the library at 10 am. We have the Good Citizen Challenge and an All Together Challenge Sheet for older kids. .
- We received our Winnie Belle Learned Grant for \$500 which we put toward beginning a collection Vox books and Wonderbooks for our library. These books are read-a-longs for preschool through school age. So far we have received the Wonderbooks. In all there will be a total of 22 books to start our collection.
- Bookcase request- one of the teachers needs a bookcase for music. Terry mentioned that she has one similar to the one that we currently use in the book sale. It is really not needed by the library and we have to stuff paper in it so books will stay. Ceil moved that we donate the small bookcase downstairs to the Fair Haven Grade School. Motion was seconded by Thom. Motion carried unanimously.
- Sprinkler update- Ron sent us an e-mail saying he was able to get one quote for the work required on the sprinkler system. It was discussed that J&R Sprinkler installed and has serviced the sprinkler system over the years. The bid for the work was \$8,230.00 so it is under the \$10,000 mark requiring the board to get more bids. Ceil moved to contact J&R Sprinkler and have them do the work on the sprinkler system. Chris seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- We will begin to start contacting local fuel dealers for bids for fuel. Only one company is currently posting pre-buy prices to our knowledge.
- Programs are being planned to include a genealogy talk by Dani Roberts. She has also said she will meet on Friday afternoons if folks are interested in pursuing genealogy research. The Friends are also looking into having an Alfred Hitchcock presentation in October. This program is through the Vermont Humanities Council. The Friends are also looking into options on how we can have Holiday House.
- Next meeting will be July 19, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Ceil Hunt