

Craftsbury Public Library
Board of Trustees monthly meeting

May 6, 2024

Trustees present: Alan Turnbull (Chair), Ann Ingerson (Treasurer), Ailynne Adams, Susan Dunklee, Deb McKinley (Secretary)

Non-voting attendees: Susan O'Connell (Library Director), Jen Linck, (prospective Board member)

Trustees not present: Allison van Akkeren Misty Allen, Marc Cieclerski, Steve Moffatt (Town Representative)

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm by Alan.

Agenda changes:

- add East Craftsbury Library 101

Susan D. moved to approve minutes from the April meeting. Ailynne 2nded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ann moved to approve nomination of Jen Linck. Susan D seconded. Motion passed unanimously, with enthusiasm.

Financial Report given by Ann.

Motion to accept the finance report: Jen made the motion, Alan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Library Director's Report given by Susan O.

- **Eclipse** was big! Website visits increased exponentially. Susan O fielded many phone calls. The crowd that gathered on the Common, Dustan Field and environs was calm and helpful. 375 people between locals and those 'from away.' Marc staffed the table, handing out eclipse glasses and answering questions.
- **Vermont History Day** – Polly Allen spearheaded the idea and coordinated the event. Jen was also involved in planning. 7 children went through the process; choosing a topic, researching, presenting. Many are looking forward to next year. The school is not able to sponsor right now, so the Library can step in. Timeline: December: planning begins. January: Applications submitted. March: Presentations. Polly is excited to spearhead again.

- **MT Anderson author talk** – May 13. Newbury Honor Book – Elf Dog and Owl Head. Jenn is also organizing a book discussion.
- **Staff scheduling** –
 - o Staff scheduling has been challenging due to many vacations, and health issues.
 - o Torrey and Susan are switching Thursday hours. Susan will be away from the Library and Torrey will pick up the hours. Susan will be here longer on Tuesdays.
- **Garden**
 - o Planned clean-up day was rained out! Rain date TBD. Ailynne volunteered to be present at the clean-up if Susan is not available.
 - o Linda's memorial is coming together: Stone is in place, and a deciduous magnolia has been planted. Engraver will send an estimate.
- **E-mail** – there have been some issues with e-mail which Susan is working to resolve.

Working Groups Reports

- **Investment Group Report** – Ann
- **Personnel Group Report** – Recommends Library pay the full .44% of wages for the forthcoming childcare tax. Deb moved, Ailynne seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Solar Report** - Ann
- **Plant/Property** - Alan
- **Fundraising**
 - o **Plant Sale:** Plans are in good shape. Some volunteer slots still need to be filled.
 - o **Barn Dance:** Some volunteer slots still need to be filled.
 - o **Tiny House Tours – July 20** – Ailynne
 - o **Book Sale – July 13** - Alan
 - o **Antiques and Uniques – July 13**
 - We can encourage people to designate their work hours toward the Library.

East Craftsbury Library 101 – Simpson Library

Alan suggested we might want to work together with the Simpson Library if we can. Perhaps we have a 'get to know each other' meeting (potluck?) with the Simpson Library Board. Susan gave some history and noted the libraries have set up a local library collaborative.

No other business.

Adjourn – Susan D. moved, Ailynne seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:12.

Next Board meeting is set for June 3, 4:30pm.