

December 12, 2019
Bradford Library Board

Present:

Tony Brainerd
Pam Johnson
Dotti Unkles
Dee Chamberlain
Arvid Johnson
Larry Coffin
Kerry Gudlewski
Gail Trede

Not Present:

Peter Richards
Bud Haas
Angela Conrad-Schlager
Brad Johnson
Laura Lornitzo

Emeritus:

Pete Richards
Bud Haas
Eris Eastmand
Open Seats
Monique Priestly
Betsy Kane
Anna Slack—on leave

Meeting called to order at 630 PM

Motion was made to give Gail \$100, 3 employees (Betsy Kane, Kathy Davidow and Marchetta will get \$50.00 each for Holiday present. All Approved

Motion made to add Arvid Johnson to the board. All approved

Minutes were read and approved

Laura not here, but sent monthly budget, Pam made a motion to accept the report and Dee seconded it.

Arvid asked if the insurance on budget report was for building insurance. Tony will look in to see if the insurance is for the replacement cost of the building.

Gail's report. The wreath was from WGSB, Community Bank gave gave the tree and pointsettia form WRSB.

We cant get the Microsoft Suite, we're not eligible since we have 500 users. Can't use open office and formatting is off for some patrons. It would be worth it to purchase Microsoft Suite for 5 computers. For the front desk and some of the other library computers. It will cost 40.00 per computer.

Technology issue: phone and Alarmco calling at 6pm every night to check the noise on the lines. Fairpoint, Mike Hodge said it's not the phone lines. We still don't know what's happening. Both

Fairpoint and AlarmCo say it's not them. Gail will look into this further.

New Volunteers and Events:

Jerri Mooney will now have hot lunches on Thursday and Friday for the kids.

Bonnie Albee has been helping at the desk. She's been making posters.

Curiosity corner has Norman Rockwell. We may raffle them off at some point.

Dottie did the class on jewelry for two nights and it was a bit hit.

We had Vermont Health Connects at the library. She wants to do a smoking cessation for free on Saturday mornings.

Giving Fair was low turnout but we did well for donations. There were a LOT of events in this area that same day. There are some wrapped books left for next year.

The Growing Peace Project was awesome and they hung their art (hands) in the reading room. Pam spoke with Patrick Peters and they are trying to get the teen center going and they'd like to collaborate with the library.

Gail had a couple come in from the Graduate Program at Dartmouth and they want to work with us for the Friday activity program. They'll help with experiments. They may start in January.

Betsy has started clearing a place in non-fiction upstairs.

Gail's report accepted.

Proposed 2020 Budget:

It appears one of the columns is on the wrong line. The zero where the bookkeeper is should be where Janitorial is the bookkeeper goes up one line and the 00 takes place of the bookkeeper line for YTD 2019.

Larry made a motion to accept with changes as noted and seconded by Arvid. Accepted.

Committees:

Annual appeal, so far we had four 1,000.00 donations and possibly one others. Hundreds are coming in daily.

Josh said he'll be here Monday or Wednesday. This is about putting in the new computers. Tony will let him in.

Buildings and grounds: The Christmas lights don't work, they are working on that.

Old business: Pam is confused about microfilm in addition to digitization. Pam wrote to Tom McMurdough (Asst. State Librarian). Then Pam spoke with Larry and said it's already digitized. Some of articles before 1920 might be spotty. They are extremely fragile. These are the actual newspapers. We need to get rid of the microfilm machine. Newspaper.com is working on digitizing ALL Vermont newspapers from 1922 on. Larry found an article from 1843 from a Burlington paper. The JO has 1985 searchable on Journal Opinion archives. We have microfilm from 1878 here, United Opinion. Can our microfilm be digitized? It should be preserved, but not being used very often because they can not print what is found on the film. Ask Tom what we

should do with these. Paul Carnihan at the State may know. Vt Historical Society may know. Pam & Larry will meet with him in the new year. Gail is also interested.

Pam did research on penny auction and there are many things you can do that we may want to consider and it can even be done online. The senior center and the fair do penny auctions now in the Fall.

If we did one it would take about a year to collect prizes. Maybe hold in summer in Space on Main.

Committee: Anne Dottie Kerry and Dee and Gail to meet on a Friday in January.

Larry made the motion to adjourn.

For the event this week Gail needs baked goods, cider, etc, coffee, tea. Volunteers will all contribute.

Adjourned 7:38 pm.

Minutes by Dee on library computer and Arvid did a recording.