

Solomon Wright Public Library Trustees Meeting

January 11, 2021

Meeting was conducted via Google Meet.

Present: Bob Case, Karen Gallese, Kaitlyn Hunt, Becca Martin, Mary Natalizia, Jen Ryan, Sarah Sanfilippo.

Not Present: Willy Jones, Julius Rosenwald

Minutes from the December 14th meeting were approved unanimously.

Welcome Bob & Kaitlyn were welcomed to the board. 0

Directors Report:

- Jen has cleaning scheduled for the Lucy in May.
- Jen is working on the annual report for the state.
- Summer Reading - plans are to be outdoors as much as possible, with take-home activities. Jen is keeping plans loose and adaptable, and also working on adult summer reading ideas.
- Attending seminar - hopes to glean tips on writing local history and historical documents policy
- Jen has applied for a few grants.
- Town Report was submitted, but was late. Jen has added it to the calendar for next year, and will send a copy to board.
- Working on 1kbb4k, and connecting with many local partners to develop collaborations.
- Has exchanged emails with Banner Reporter about CLiF grant
- Take and Make crafts will be offered all winter - Mary may have resources, materials, etc. May ask volunteers for assembly help, which would help keep them engaged. ● Snowshoes and sleds have been added to our Library of Things. Barcodes will be in a binder at the desk rather than on the items, so they don't get rubbed off. There will be photos for patrons to browse, so items don't need to be on display. May need to work on storage solutions.
- Gift cards were distributed to volunteers at the holidays.
- SWPL will remain closed through Jan.
- Take and Make crafts are on Facebook - trustees who can should share the info.

Board Book:

- Becca put all files into one Google doc. What should she do next with policies? Trustee info is all there, and can now be linked to policies, etc. Becca will give everyone edit rights, so we can all take a look and comment if needed.
- It was suggested we include the VT Guide for Trustees.
- Training - Joy Worland is taking over as consultant for rural libraries. Jen can talk to her about a training for us.

- By-Laws mention the Librarian appointing a town liaison. Did Linda ever do that? We can cut that, it's not necessary. We could encourage the Select Board to meet at the library until they have a new building.

Town Meeting:

Will it be virtual? Most likely. Karen is willing to do a plug for the library. Vote was unanimous to have her represent us.

Goals for 2021

Trustees should take a look at the information Mary sent and send ideas to her in preparation for discussion in March. Also take a minute to come up with a 5-year "Dream Plan" for the library.

Other:

Linda let Mary know that Edna's husband just passed away. Donations to help her bury her husband would be helpful. Mary will share her address for anyone who wants to contribute. Mary will send a card.

Wendy's dad has also died. Jen will send a card on behalf of the library.

ALA has made a statement about the events at the Capitol on 1/6/21. Do we want to post that, or write our own? A motion was made to post a link to the ALA statement, which passed unanimously.

Topics to think about for the February meeting:

- July/August - celebration. BBQ, band, etc.
- Goals
- Budget updates, changes

Sept meeting on 3rd week, not 2nd.