

Solomon Wright Public Library Trustees Meeting

March 8, 2021 6:30pm

Meeting was conducted via Google Meet.

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

Minutes from the January 11th meeting were approved unanimously.

Director's report:

- Take & Make has been popular
- VT Lib Annual report is submitted
- Jen has been meeting with Rebecca Dragon and Pownal Parks and Rec, brainstorming for the Green - how can we have a presence?
- Jen submitted a grant proposal to ALA's Libraries Transforming Communities grant - this could help fund one of these ideas.
- Broken window in community room - being fixed
- Volunteers are coming in one by one, training for curbside. The plan as of now is to keep up this service indefinitely
- Our Library of Things is growing - lots of donations coming in.
- Newsletter - Becca and Jen are working on it. They have a template. Will physical copies go into the community? We'll do an email blast, and it would be good to do physical copies at least in the beginning as well. Kaitlyn can share through the school. Can we advertise the book club? Not sure if it's an open group - Linda runs it. We can ask her, or start our own. Jen will reach out to ask if she'd like "her" group to be the official library group.
- VT DOL is holding a reopening forum at the end of March. Hoping for some more guidance from the state before having to make the decision about when we'll open.

Treasurer's report: Need to come up with 6K, but we have money we can move around.

Board Book: Looks good - no big changes. Jen and Becca will tidy it up, and we can vote at the next meeting.

Trustee Training:

We can watch the videos in advance of a training, and possibly have Joy come by June. (Or Zoom if needed.) Jen will see what her availability is in June. We should each let Mary know what might be a good time for this - weekends? Evenings?

First Annual Celebration:

- October 2
- It was decided not combine with book sale; just focus on a celebration of the library.
- What kind of centerpiece? Magician? Music? Dog agility, etc. Some kind of performance.
- Julius Willy, others, will work on it.
- Ideas: Pig Roast, Have some kind of ticketing for planning purposes; Raffle - \$500 as grand prize

This morphed into a discussion of programming in general - we need to get people into the library who have never been in. Some ideas were generated (below). Others can be sent to Jen, via email, to help her start reaching out.

- Start in June, have 6 or so planned until the end of the year.
- Gun expert
- Hot Rod
- Fly fishing
- Paint n sip.
- Art openings with local artists.
- Kids art show - end of school year, and promote summer reading at that time. Kaitlyn will talk to art teacher.
- Buried treasure - with weekly clues for 10 weeks

Renovation update.

- Scott is in TX until May. Will complete a pre-fab storage shed this summer, painting sides and front, and do any repairs. (Wood, sign, in front)
- Parking lot improvement: Could we convince the town to do the lot if they were already working on something? Stone would be cheaper, but that gets plowed up. Karen will talk to Joel.
- Walkway needs to come up - pave? Brick? Cobblestone? (Dedication pavers, if we do brick.)
- Purchased a display unit and chairs - will be delivered in May when Scott's back to assemble and unload. Finishing up odds and ends.
- Should we keep or change lettering on the building?
- Need to continue fundraising. Annual campaign? Other?
- Jen - give us a list of items where help is needed, tasks others can help with.

Other:

FYI, Scott's father died of COVID. We sent a card to Jim Winchester.

Any ideas for who can help with flower beds? RoseMarie is moving to Bennington. Mary will ask Ruth B. if she can organize a crew.

Send ideas for the next agenda to Mary.