

NELSON LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEETING
March 14, 2013

Call to order 6:58

Roll Call: Laurie Smith, Linda Cates, Kris Finnegan, Tom Tolman, Susan Kingsbury

Past minutes approved – unanimous vote

Correspondence: thanks yous sent to Friends of the Library and Tom Buttrick

Treasurer's Report:

- 2013 Book Budget:
 - Our \$3,000 book budget for 2013 will consist of the following: \$1000 received from the Friends; \$400 was taken from the Henry Melville Fund for NH Downloadable Books fee; three small funds have been designated to be fully expended on books this year (Prof. William Churchill Gerrish - \$465, Helen Millbank Memorial - \$232; and Sidney Plant Special - \$321), and one to be substantially reduced (Mary Patek fund - \$150). \$100 was donated in honor of Bob and Hallie Robinson; and \$332 will be allocated from the Hardy Shepard Children's Fund
- Check for \$2080.02 received from NH Charitable Foundation, transferred into checking account
- Edward & Virginia Taylor have offered a gift; we need to develop a specific request. Ideas include:
 - collection enhancement
 - Increase library hours and staffing
 - Replace 2 computers
 - Replace non-fiction old books with newer
 - Furnish library basement upon renovation
 - Purchase climate control system in basement
 - Develop library site on website

Old Business

1. State report done and submitted 3/27/2013
2. Library budget of \$33,149 was approved at town meeting, including town funding of \$21,900.
3. Alarm system. Kris reported that system inoperable and no one seems to understand system. Linda will discuss with Selectmen
4. Summer Forums – Karen Tolman and Kirk Dale are on board. Susan will call Larry Benaquist again. Laurie will book the Town Hall.
5. Game night April 2 (Sec. reminder from 2012-12-11 minutes that Jayne Alexander requested a Mahjong Game event in April. She offered to teach those who want to learn. Unanimous approval).

New Business

- School program remaining dates; March 15, 22, 29. 3/8 was cancelled due to snow
- Marie Spaeth painting purchase offered to library. Decided that library should not buy and set a precedent, but will be suggested to Friends that they buy for library.
- Library potluck to honor Max Nunnemaker for his service as trustee, April 10, 6:00PM at Cates/Murray
- May 20, meeting in Concord of Library Trustee Association.

Town of Nelson website redesign

Gordon Peery spent about 1.5 hours going over the website with us as we discussed improvements and suggestions. It was a user-friendly presentation as projected on the wall. Action points decided upon were:

- Calendar to be up front on right of home page
- Vertical dropdown menus will be simplified (“cleaned up”)
- Links to articles rather than articles themselves will occupy center column
- Add library site with new header.

Gordon will be paid \$200 for this work, which is the first additional amount (beyond the \$600 annual maintenance fee) that he has been paid.

Suggestions for added site content included addition of town committees, and a police log. Also mentioned were tax maps and public trail guides. It was noted that not a significant number of articles are contributed on a regular basis.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kingsbury