

Lowell Community Library
Library Trustee Meeting
October 10, 2023

Trustees/Librarian Present: Nancy, Carol, Katherine (and Sally the pup), Faye, Jenn
Absent: Brandie

1. Call to order: 6:03
2. Any additions/deletions/changes to today's agenda? Training Opportunity
3. Review of Minutes from previous meeting: approved with addition of the schedule for the Saturday Children's Group - 9:30-10:30 on 10/14, 10/21, 10/28 only
4. Treasurer's Report: Our current balance is \$838.59. The phone is costing more than anticipated (close to \$60/month) and at some point the grant for the internet will end (\$40/month). Faye will ask Becky to transfer \$2000.00 from the held-over money into our budgeted account to hopefully see us through until Town Meeting 2024. We need to begin thinking about our budget for next year- fund-raising and request from the taxpayers of Lowell.
5. Librarian's Report: We now have **57** members! Kelly Bathalon donated several Caldecott books, thank you Kelly! Nancy feels it's important to have **someone "in training"** to be the librarian when she is ready to retire. We discussed possible resources including Americore. Nancy will write up her thoughts about qualifications of the trainee/assistant and share next time. We also discussed the upcoming **story/craft group on Saturdays**. Katherine will help and be the reader on 10/14, Carol on 10/21 and Jenn on 10/28. We need to meet Nancy at 9 AM on our Saturday. Beginning Tuesday, 10/17 we will have our first **Boomer Book club** at 3:00PM. We will discuss The Giver by Lois Lowry.
6. Committee Reports: NA
7. Old Business: **Suggestion box** - we still need one, Nancy had a birdhouse for suggestions at the Folk Festival, but no one contributed. **Volunteers** - we discussed enlisting Volunteers in addition to the Saturday mornings already committed. Could volunteers keep the library open for additional hours? Nancy would need to train the volunteers, what is the most efficient way for this to happen? Tabled for another meeting.
8. New Business: **Training opportunity**: Registration is open for the CLiF Rural Library Conference, which will take place on Friday, Nov. 3, 2023. This free, online event is for librarians who work in small communities across VT and NH. Also welcome is anyone connected to libraries, interested in literacy, and/or serving children and youth in VT and NH. This is an opportunity for librarians to learn from each other, gain practical ideas on programming, and inspiration to try new things. Join for the keynoted on the Whole Book Approach, a single workshop, or take advantage of all four sessions of free professional development. **Goals for Trustees** - we need to think about our goals for the library to discuss next time, such as: open for more hours, increase patron visits, schedule activities, etc. These goals also will influence our evaluation of the library director as he/she works on these goals.
9. Adjourned at 7:01

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:00PM
Notes respectfully submitted by Jenn H.