

CORNWALL FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
TRUSTEE'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016
3:00 P M

Present: Judy English, Juliet Gerlin, Sue Johnson, Carol King, Patty McCormick, Kristina Simmons, Joyce Stephens

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 PM.

Kristina Simmons/Patty McCormick moved to approve the agenda. The motion carried on voice vote.

Old Business:

Acquisitions Report: There was no specific report, but Patty encouraged the Trustees to support the Vermont Book Store. They give the library 30% off our purchases and also give the library damaged books for free.

Financial Report: Sue Johnson indicated that after the most recent book order, the balance in our account will be about \$150.00. The library will get its \$4000 appropriation right after July 1, so we should be back in better shape.

New Business:

Welcome new trustee Juliet Gerlin: Juliet has been running a bed and breakfast for the last 20 years, or so in Cornwall and has recently closed the bed and breakfast. She has time for other hobbies and pursuits, so expressed interest in the library. We are pleased to have Juliet as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Discuss upcoming changes to library due to renovation: Sue J. reported that the town hall will be undergoing renovations starting in mid-November 2016. These renovations will include the library space, so the library will have to close for 4 – 6 months, and the books will have to be moved out of the space. The town is renting a storage unit while the work is being done. The books can be stored in the storage unit.

Moving out of the library, to where, if anywhere: The trustees talked briefly about the possibility of running the library in another location, but it was determined that it was not feasible.

Annual book sale discussion: The library will have their annual book sale, despite the upcoming renovation. There are many boxes of books in the back room that will need to be sold and then removed from the building. The trustees picked October 15, 2016 as the book sale date, and will leave the books up around the room for a couple weeks. Patty will have some local booksellers come and take any books that they would like or need. Marge Drexler will be contacted to help with the set up on Friday, October 14, 2016.

There was also discussion of trying a new method for selling the books at the book sale. Patty talked to several libraries that allow people to take as many books as they want, and then make a donation to the library. The other librarians indicated that they make more money at their sales than when they individually priced their books. The consensus was to give this method a try this year.

Poetry reading in the fall: Sue J. indicated that the poetry reading held last fall was quite successful and thinks it would be good to schedule another reading for this fall. We will open it up to other authors in the area. Sue will send out some dates to the authors and attempt to come up with a date that works for most, if not all. The names that were mentioned were Alex Wolff, Gary Margolis, Janice Potter, Greg Dennis, Nancy Means Wright.

Other Business:

A few items were discussed under other business:

Juliet asked Patty how she chooses new books for the library.

Sue J. wondered if there was any grant money available for libraries. Kristina S. reminded everyone that we are not an accredited library, so we might not qualify for some grants.

The trustees discussed new shelving for the library and how to go about finding it and paying for it. Some of the trustees will look into pricing for shelving and for available grants.

The Trustees will meet again in early August. Sue J. will send out possible dates later in July.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Johnson