

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, March 5th 2024 at 6:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Present: Donna Donovan, Chair; Elizabeth Croston, Arlene Labrie, Director - Tanya O'Dee

I. Meeting called to order at 6:05PM

II. Minutes of the February meeting were read, motion to accept by Arlene Labrie and seconded by Elizabeth Croston

III. Public Comments - none

IV. Report of the Library Director was presented and discussed.

V. Old Business

a. February programs were discussed:

- Kids Club February Session: Cook A Book. (Max registration 12-full)
- Gardening Series- Vegetable Gardens (26 attendees)
- Needle Felted Hearts with The Gathering Place- Registration required, 7 attendees.
- Hearing Loss Seminar - 1 attendee
- Cook Book Club- 12 attendees.
- Adult Winter Reading Challenge began
- Reading Buddy Adoption Clinic- This was a very well attended program with approximately 50 children. Required several volunteers.
- Nailed It- All Ages Program based on a cooking show- We had great feedback from this program from all ages that attended, and will likely make it an annual event. Registration capped at 30 participants (full)
- 2/28 PNSY STEM Children's program - Coding Robots (Ozobots). This was a drop in program, we had about 35 attendees.

VI. New Business

a. Upcoming programs include:

- Nonfiction Book Club- Beginning in April
- Summer Reading Program is in the works
- Feature Fridays- Weekly free movie showings

b. Outreach was discussed.

-Participated in the Somersworth Ready Together Coalition meeting to brainstorm ways to meet community needs.

-March 29 Easter Egg Hunt- The library will be joining the Rec Department for their annual egg hunt. There will be a Storywalk and library information.

c. March Programs:

March 5- Quality Time

March 12- Master Gardener Series Invasive Plants

March 19- Book Club

March 23- Cookbook Club

March 26- Master Gardener Series Go Native: Gardening with Native Plants

Weekly Programs:

- Story Time
- Kid's Club
- Baby Playgroup
- Weekend Builders
- Feature Fridays

c. Building maintenance: Hall Bros. will be back to look at the roof leaks once the snow and ice clear, steps next to the corner patio need to be leveled, etc. A couple smaller issues have been resolved.

d. Personnel:

● Shari is retiring. Her last day will be April 1, 2024, but she offered to fill in when needed throughout the month of April. The library will be hiring to fill her position.

e. Board of Trustees applicants were discussed. The mayor will be holding interviews soon.

VII. Expenditures were reviewed.

VII. Date for next meeting is April 2, 2024

IX. Adjourned at 6:51 PM. Motion to accept by Arlene Labrie and seconded by Elizabeth Croston

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Croston