

***Weathersfield Proctor Library***

***Friends Meeting***

***August 22, 2018***

Present: Mark Richardson, Director; Barbara Putnam, President; Ginger Wimberg, Vice President; Ann Parent, Treasurer; Debbie Gibbs, Secretary; Ernie and Cookie Shand, Heather Shand, Rica Henderson and Sally Harris.

Absent: Melissa MacKenzie, Member at Large

Minutes from the last meeting of Tuesday, June 19 were read and accepted. Ginger Wimberg moved to approve the minutes and Rica Henderson seconded it.

**Treasurer's Report**

Ann submitted the Treasurer's Report for August 22, 2018.

Beginning balance from June 19, 2018		\$ 1,175.12
Restricted donation for WPL expansion	\$ 875.00	
Dues	\$ 22.00	
Interest	\$ 0.05	
Total Receipts:	\$1,097.05	
	Subtotal	\$2,272.17
Disbursements:		
Restricted Donation for WPL Expansion	\$ 875.00	
Summer Hill Books for Newsletter	\$ 125.15	
Friends Gift to WPL Expansion	\$ 900.00	
Judy Topolski Reimbursement for Open House	\$ 60.00	
Paypal fees	\$ 25.98	
Total Disbursements:	\$1,986.51	
	Total	\$285.66

## **Librarian's Report**

Mark reported that last year the library had 5,984 patrons. The year before the library had 4,906 patrons. As of August of this year (2018) there were 412 patrons with one week to go in the month. July had 577 patrons.

He went on to say that he would like to have the library revamp their plans for the future.

With the Trustees and the town, Mark would like to develop a project for teenagers. Members aged 12 and under number is at 3,163. Teenager member consensus was 151. His thoughts were to develop a middle school book club and provide library cards. Also, he has a plan to update technology used in the library. Also, he wants to attract organizations to use the library building. His concern is that generating interest for boys is a challenge.

Ginger noted that here is going to be new language arts teaching coming to the school who Mark might want to contact to make connections to the library. Mark also commented that it has been arranged for the school buses to coordinate stops at the library.

Mark noted that the expansion is worth every penny - it is always loaded with kids.

He also noted that the metal bookshelves were donated.

Mark also announced that there is a \$1500 endowment to be used for Manga material and graphic novels.

Dr. Alexis Chesney will present a talk on Wednesday, September 12 on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of Lyme and tick-borne diseases. It is to be held at the library at 7 to 8:30 pm. Admission is free.

## **Old Business**

It was discussed that the Friends should have thank you notes and bags with a Friends logo on them. The logo should be created and put on everything the Friends send out.

## **Fund Raising Committee**

The summer event was well attended. Rica was thanked for her food donation for this event. The silent auction raised \$1,985. Cookie noted that lots of helping hands made it all go smoothly.

The exhibit and sale of Newell Green's reproductions and photographs went very well.

Next event the Fund Raising Committee will be helping with is the Friends Book and Bake Sale. This event will be held October 6.

Fund Raising Committee no longer has a formal chair. The Trustees are supposed to be formally appointing a new committee.

## **New Business**

The Book and Pie Sale will be held Saturday, October 6. Ginger will make the call to round up pie bakers. The library is looking for volunteers to sort books for the sale. Books and yard sale items can be dropped off at Cookie and Ernie Shand's barn after Labor Day. Also, boxes will be needed for the books.

Ginger suggested that the sale accept donations for the books and yard sale items this year to see if more money would be raised that way. Barbara seconded that motion and all attending agreed.

October 6 is also the Weathersfield Block Party and the Ascutney Fire Department will be having their sale also. The Truck or Treat will be held October 27 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. The recreation department will have a 27' horse trailer decorated as a haunted house.

It was suggested that perhaps something other than candy fill the cars used for this event. Glow sticks were brought up as an idea. It was agreed that this was a good idea and the Friends would be able to purchase the glow sticks. There is also going to be a Jack 'O Lantern contest. Families are encouraged to attend.

In conjunction with the Historical Society, Tom Fontaine will present a talk on Sunday, November 4 at 2 pm. He will talk about the young people in Grafton who volunteered in the Civil War. Refreshments will be provided and Ginger will advertise the talk.

On Friday or Saturday, November 16 or 17, Jane Radocchi, an architect from Andover, MA will speak about geometry used in construction in building over 300 years old. Mark will be asking \$200 from the Friends for Jane. She has agreed to be filmed by SAPTV. Rica moved to approve this motion, Ginger seconded it and it was passed unanimously to use funds for this purpose.

Mark wants to have more programming like this. He noted there is a \$200 credit from the Vermont Humanities Council for this purpose. He will also provide a catalogue of speakers.

The next Friends of the Library meeting was set for Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7 pm. Deb moved to the adjourn the meeting at 8:02. Ginger seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Gibbs