

Gleason Public Library

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

April 11, 2013, Noon

Present were Priscilla Stevens, Steve Golson, Katie Huffman Thornton Ash and Larissa Shyjan.

Reports and approvals: Secretary, Treasurer

Motion to approve Minutes. Minutes approved. Treasurer's report. Bulk Rate permit good until 5/22/13 and will be renewed. Spoke to town Treasurer Larry Barton. The funds are under management in Black Rock and Pimco. The Library cannot have control of these funds because of the wording in the trust. Special Funds can be changed if get a letter from the donor to change it to another fund. The small accounts of money at Town Hall from the Endowment donated towards special projects can be consolidated if we determine where and when the funds came from. Money has been spent on the Gettysbury project and Star Wars event. Motion to approve Treasurer's Minutes. Motion approved.

Director's report and question period

Budget: 13 weeks left, 25% remaining in budget and there is some money left in budget for a few wish list items. Starting FY14 line items will be changed around and broken down a little differently. Katie attended the MHEC workshop about bidding process for MA Library System which means there may be major changes of who the library does business with. House Ways and Means came out with level funding so we got \$2,266.73 from the Board of Library Commissioners.

Building: Septic update: We are waiting on the town to write a check from the town for the BOH application. Joe March will present the plan to the Conservation Commission meeting tonight. Next steps are Town Meeting, we are Article 19. After approval we would go out to bid.

Roof Update: JJ Supple came out and put patches on the roof and so far all is well; however we have not had a hard rain since the repair.

Parking lot lights: one light was hanging by the wires and DPW was able to screw it back in.

Programs/Outreach: Gettysburg - everything is at the printers, the case will arrive on 4/13, physical space is coming together. Paul Carpenter will come 5/22. Tahleen is working on a presentation for teens. Postcards will be sent out today. Opens 4/16-7/20. World Book Night has four participants.

Town website up and our meeting minutes are included with a link.

Coloring Book - Katie contacted the art teachers to see if any of their students would be interested in doing the illustrations for a coloring book for GPL but has not heard back yet.

COA planning 2013-14 is complete and has many different events.

Summer Reading - some of the events will be changed. There will be weekly prizes for pages read. Reading Raffle and Reading Bingo for different ages.

Patron Matters:

Long overdue/Lost items letters have been sent out (couple hundred).

Age limits on programming - Tahleen is having trouble with young children showing up to events for grades 5-8. Must have clear signs, registration required and the press releases need ages.

Disruptive Patron - There was a teen event where a parent brought in 4 year olds to a teen program. Even after speaking to them about the inappropriate ages the parent refused to take the children out of the program. The kids were too young and were crawling around on the ground and disrupted the program.

Robert Goehring who uses the computers in the afternoons and is very belligerent to the kids and any noise, in the evenings he is abusive to the staff. He yells out to have people give him peace and quiet. He is polite to the director but not to the librarians. When Tahleen and Janet were alone with him in the library he wanted to take out a current issue of a magazine (which is not allowed) and he was angry they wouldn't let him. He then started following her around. He badgers the children and tells them to be quiet and that they should not be allowed to play on the computer.

Old and ongoing business:

Carlisle Reads Programming. Committee meets the end of April and will decide on a book for January programming. The summer book has not been decided yet.

Plaquing: set date for marquee dedication with Sonn family. Priscilla will get in touch with him to get a date. The Ruettgers statue plaque has been ordered and should arrive soon.

New business:

Next meeting:

Thursday May 23, 10 AM

Included documents

Agenda

Minutes

Treasurer's report

Director's report

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa Shyjan

Secretary, Gleason Library Trustees