

Friends of the Dorothy Alling Memorial Library

February 3, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7pm.

Present: Esther Perelman, Barbara Mieder, McKew Devitt, Shannon Hiltner, Mary Lue Rodes, Jane Kearns, Joanne Arsenault, Ann Park

Minutes of 11/4/2019 were accepted.

Correspondence: NEFCU yearly statement; gift from Jerry & Kathy Fermee and TY to them; annual IRS e-postcard filing; holiday card from North Country Animal League.

Treasurer's report: CD \$25,706.23 checking account \$15,987.00

Librarian's report: New format for the library newsletter is now readable on all devices; new OPAC in Youth area is the final step of the space reconfiguration; Jane is attending the ALA conference in Chicago in late June; two panic buttons (front desk, youth area) have been installed at the library which connect directly to the police department; Jane is researching the idea of security cameras in the library; the charter language about the Trustees and the Town's relationship has been resolved; Kathy DeLuca is leaving after 7 years; a replacement will not be hired until the library budget is passed because it includes an additional ½ position (25 hours).

Holiday Decorating party: Jess George felt that it went well although some people were disappointed that there was no gingerbread project; the sing-a-long was successful; she did not do any reading. The Friends agreed that we need a new interior tree – one without lights.

Trustee position: there was a brief discussion about the open position on the Board of Trustees; there are some interested people who can write a letter to the Observer and ask to be written in for this position.

Brick Church: Friday 2/7/2020. Friends should be at the church at 6; doors open at 6:30; we should bring baked goods; organizers of the event will take care of coffee. Jane will speak briefly about the library.

April 18th, 2020: Wildlife Encounters Ecology Center & Farm School; 10:30, the student assistants will tape off the audience area; chairs will be set up in the Community Room.

Holiday dinner: Jane will talk with the staff about where they would like to go for their annual holiday dinner. Ann will get a gift card or the cash to Jane once the staff has chosen a restaurant.

Book sale: the WCS gym and small dining room have been reserved for July 1-4; the school is open and the custodians help us because we're affiliated with a town department; we will rent tables from Vermont Tent but not fans; Joanne will put in the VT Tent order and get the insurance; Ann will contact Thrift books to see when they can pick up books; we need pallets (7)– Ann will check with the people who picked them up last year to see if they'll do it again & with the provider to be sure they're available; we will get boxes from Starbucks again; Esther & Ann shared ideas from meeting with the library staff on October 17th to make the book sale run more smoothly for the library staff. These ideas will be discussed at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm Next meeting March 9, 2020 at 7pm.