

Craftsbury Public Library
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting
May 25, 2020
Via Zoom
6 – 7 p.m.

Present: Polly Allen; Susan Flynn; Kristen Fountain; Aliena Gerhard; Ned Houston; Steve Moffatt; Barb Strong; Saul Trevino

Absent: Lise Erickson; Jacob Fritz

Next meeting: September 7, 2020

Approve Minutes: Susan Flynn moved to approve minutes; Steve Moffatt seconded. Unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Flynn reported that we have satisfactory cash flow. She will be requesting more from the town as we move forward. We received \$13,400 from the PPP and a \$5,000 grant. Susan was in touch with a donor and we received \$10,000 in stock that went into the Merrill Lynch account. The donor wishes to remain anonymous. Their interest is keeping the library programs sustainable and moving ahead. Saul moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Aliena seconded. Unanimous approval.

Librarian's Report: Prin began the report, filling in about the operations of the library. Foyer service has been busy when we are open. Some people come and get their books and leave and others are looking to have the human connection. Usually we have one person after another.

The WiFi has been very popular, even more so than it usually is. It has led to some issues with cars in the parking lot not parking in the lot appropriately. If one person parks strangely then other cars end up parking strangely and only a few cars. People use the back porch specifically, which is great. We have needed to ask people to move to other parking places. We have been talking about spray-painting the lines where we would like people to park. We are thinking of other solutions.

Prin feels that things are going as well as they could be going. People are connecting and learning how to use the system. We have been putting the word out on social media and via flyers that the library is open and ready to provide services.

Vermont Reads grant through the Vermont Humanities Council is the book *The Hate U Give*, which seems very timely. Boxes of books have been flying out the door. We have a pretty good collection about race and racism and all those books have been circulating well. We received a grant to facilitate a community discussion on this could be done through mid-August through the end of October. We have many more copies still though. We are partnering with Whetstone Wellness to get some out through them as well, as they have an anti-racism lending library.

We are looking at whether we can do something around a socially-distanced family movie night. Jen put together backpacks around themes. She has done two story walks that have been really popular.

We have an inter-library loan system, which was shut down in March and is slowly re-opening. We are also starting up with our courier who is doing transport around the state. So the inter-library loan will be starting up next week. For the first few weeks we will be starting the flow of books again and fit the tasks into their day.

Susan O. added some updates from her distance work from Ireland. Her remote job is mostly behind the scenes items. She has been doing grant work and collection development. We continue to get new materials in. She has also been doing communications, and has had some conversations with the Simpson Library board about some changes they are planning and that are currently underway. This library will continue to collaborate with them in any possible way.

Expansion Committee: We were out of touch with E.F. Wall for several weeks. We do have our building permit and our Act 250 permit. Our next step is to get the estimate from E.F. Wall to go to our donor. We have estimates on soft costs, for example, carpet, furniture, some energy efficiency improvements.

The internet line runs under the foundation. So the service will need to be stopped and/or re-routed during the new construction. Susan will send an email to Ned Houston and Michael from Kingdom Fiber.

We did get some trees planted on the Krebs family side of the property. The staff has been watering them. Jacob is busy these days so Ned has taken over the contact with E.F. Wall. The donor has approved the conceptual plans and a preliminary dollar figure, but wants to see the builder estimate.

Building & Grounds: The lawn is getting mowed. Prin has noted no particular issues with the building at present.

Books for Babies: Barb said this program is continuing. There are four new babies in town in just in the last few months. Barb and Lise are in touch with them.

Other Business: Steve reported that the Conservation Commission is dedicating a bench to long-time member Steve Wright. They are looking at locations where it might go. The library may be approached as a site, though the Babcock House is also being considered.

Meetings over the summer: We agreed to meet next in early September.

Aliena made a motion to adjourn. Steve seconds. Unanimous approval.