

Groton Free Public Library

1304 Scott Hwy

Groton VT 05046

March 13, 2019

The duly warned meeting of the Library Trustee's March 13, 2019 was held at the Groton Free Public Library, 1304 Scott Hwy Groton VT 05046.

Attendance for the meeting:

Alissa Smith, Debra Tinkham, Wade Johnson Jr. and Jodi Fleurie-Wohlleb.

Meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm.

The agenda was approved.

Minutes from January and February were not approved because we did not have sufficient members that attended the previous meetings to approve the minutes from those meetings.

Election of new officials was rescheduled for our April meeting when we had a full board in attendance.

Friends met last week and now have new leadership from Susan Gordon, and a new treasurer, Anne Hatch. They would like to help with funding programs but ask for two weeks notice and that at programs they help fund that Friends should be recognized in the advertisement. Friends are currently having a month long sale promoting their new tote bag, and will get this summers park/museum passes organized and will fund the purchases of passes that the library does not receive for free.

Alissa noted that there wasn't much to report on for our treasury. It was noted though that buying books through Amazon was using up funding for shipping. It was discussed that we sign up for Amazon Prime at the cost of \$179 per year. We will ask the select board if the town has any need to split that cost with us, if not we discussed asking the Friends to help fund half of the yearly fee.

Alissa has not yet contacted Royal Electric about scheduling a time in May for them to return to the library. The bulkhead is covered in snow and Royal Electric needs to access the electric panel down there to further assess the problem with the elevator. Alissa is to get in contact with Royal Electric before our meeting in April.

The computer towers have arrived, Gary was able to set up one so far. Jodi was able to get a donation of four new monitors from her brother Kevin Fleurie who works for Presidio, Alissa will get a thank you note out to him as soon as possible. We continue to have a sluggish internet service, we hope that when all of the new computers are set up that we will see an improvement, if not we will have to pursue another provider. The town clerk, Linda Nunn, inquired if we could donate one of our old computers for use at the town office and we said that would check with Gary to see which of our computers was in the best shape and to donate that one.

We received two more donations from our annual appeal.

Jodi reported that the library has been very busy, and that the parking lot is frequently full. She has been attending webinars and training towards her certification. Jodi asked what to do about information on the back office computer that we will no longer be using. It was decided that Jodi use her best judgment, but that most of the information could be deleted, old flyers and such. Jodi reported that we received a large donation of games and puzzles. Jodi asked about ILL and whether or not we could be loaning out our books, the board voted unanimously that we should be doing that. We also asked Jodi to check into a library delivery service that would lower our shipping costs related to ILL. It was noted that Jodi should always use her full 22 hours on her timesheet.

In final comments Jodi mentioned that she is talking with Bradford Head Start and is hoping that she will find a way to bring more patrons to GFPL. A teacher from BMU inquired about using the library to do some continuing education during the summer. We also brainstormed ways to get more kids in the library. Jodi had noticed a budget line marked out for lawyer fees and Alissa said that she would check into it. It was also suggested that we should develop a policy on library keys.

Meeting concluded at 7:45 pm.

The board will meet next on **Wednesday, April 10th at 6:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted
Alissa Smith, Board Chair