

Groton Free Public Library

1304 Scott Hwy

Groton VT 05046

May 12, 2020

The duly warned meeting of the Library Trustee's May 12th, 2020 was held remotely via Zoom.

Attendance for the meeting:

Torie Peters, Alissa Smith, Jodi Fleurie-Wohlleb, Deborah Jurist

Meeting was called to start at 6:08 pm.

Agenda was approved.

Re-Opening Plans

Jodi discussed ideas for what the role of the library would be when it opened for the summer. There will not be a focus on social programming because of the virus so she is thinking of other ways the library can be useful and inviting. She discussed a soft-opening using curbside pick up and returns. An advertised night of the week could be used.

There was discussion on how to handle usual library operations in light of the concerns with the virus. The library is a social place which makes it unfortunate to limit or close off access to the computers and toys. There is also concern with the handling of books and returns.

Rethinking these operations may allow Jodi to open the library in small phases.

Treasurer's Report

Nothing to report. Jodi said the rug for the library has not arrived yet. **Alissa will check with Lisa to see the status of the check.**

Building Update

Deborah discussed having the town sign the new lease of the library once things get to that point, instead of the Friends, librarian or any trustees. She updated us on her discussion with the town lawyer. She is now waiting to hear more about him meeting up with the owners of the library building to discuss next steps.

Deborah will continue to keep us updated on any information regarding the building.

Librarian's Report

Jodi reported plans to give plants away at the Blood Drive along with a brochure or something giving information about the library during this time.

Jodi and the trustees discussed the use of the upstairs room as a possible place to have books that are in circulation. It is currently being used as storage for the book sale, which takes place on Fall Foliage Day but is ongoing throughout the year. Jodi discussed space issues, ideas and plans which led to discussion about new ways that the Friends could help the library. The book sale is a large fundraiser for the Friends and any rearranging or changing of the books upstairs should be discussed with them.

Jodi and the trustees also discussed hesitations about receiving book donations during the virus.

Friends

Jodi and trustees decided **Alissa will write a letter** inviting all trustees to a Zoom meeting to have an open discussion of our vision for the library, possible projects, and the roles of the Friends, librarian and trustees.

The next meeting will be held in June on a day that works for trustees and Friends.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Torie Peters, Library Secretary