

October 22, 2018
East Kingston Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting

In Attendance: Conrad Moses, Sarah Courchesne, Nancy Parker, Tracy Waldron,
Sandra Courchesne

Absent: Laura Branting, Deborah Hobson

Visitors: Lisanne Cozart, Jennifer Tode, Mary Ryan

Conrad called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review of September minutes: Motion to approve minutes as presented.(Sarah/Nancy-2nd)
All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Unavailable

Director's Report:

Tracy and Zoe attended a user group meeting for Atrium, which proved helpful.

Zoe attended a YALS(Young Adult) library conference.

Self evaluations have been distributed and are due back by November 1st.

Gerry Murray will no longer be reading at story hours on Fridays. She has done a great job for many years. Tracy will now do the story hours.

The windows have been cleaned.

The community service worker washed the green off of the side of the building and cleaned up the patio. He has now finished his community service.

The columns have been repaired. Scott Means did a great job. He did point out some future problems. The northern most column is not completely full of concrete and is sinking, but it is stable for now.

Building items to be done: carpet cleaning and stripping the floors.

October has been busy.

Preston Heller program was a success with over 60 people in attendance. Attendees brought items for the food pantry. Mr. Heller donated his fee to Society of St. Vincent de Paul and, at his prompting, another \$200.00 was collected from the audience for that organization.

Flight of Remembrance is on Wednesday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m. The program is sponsored by the NH Humanities and the Friends.

Spirit Chasers Paranormal program will be presented on October 30th at 7:00 p.m.

This program is presented by a couple from Portsmouth and is free

East Kingston Democrats have reserved the library for Thursday, October 25th at 7:00. The library has received the necessary application and insurance papers.

Heather and Zoe are planning a Halloween party for the children on October 27th at 10:30 a.m.

Nancy Parker will be presenting a CPR class at 6:00 p.m. on November 14th. For those wishing a certificate, the cost will be \$20.00. For all others, the class is free.

An adult maker program to create a holiday centerpiece will be presented by Down to Earth garden shop in late November or early December.

There has been a great response to Wowbrary. At least once a day someone comes in and asks for a book he or she has seen in the newsletter.

Kanopy was "rolled out" on October 1st. There have been 235 visits to the Kanopy page and 17 plays.

Friends' Report:

The Friends have purchased a new couch for the fireplace area, which will be delivered on December 9th.

The Friends are working on a membership drive. They are checking the list of town residents to eliminate duplications. The letter to be sent was discussed and some wording was changed to clearly indicate the wonderful extra items and services the Friends provide to the town through their library programs and support. They will not be able to use Paypal this year for the membership dues so members will need to pay with checks. There will be a drawing for a \$100 gift card for those who send their memberships by the deadline. There will also be a "beat the line" promotion for early memberships. Those members will receive two chances for the gift card.

There have been some problems with the thermostat at the Pound School. The batteries have been replaced and the programming was updated.

NHLTA Report:

Conrad reported that the new NHLTA website is in process.

Conrad also reported on the regional meeting in Rye, which our trustees were unable to attend. Judy Silva from NHMA along with Attorney Margaret Burns presented a program about the relationship of the towns and their libraries. They are available to help clarify the law for communities but will not take sides in any disputes.

Conrad was in Atkinson for the presentation of the Sue Palmatier Award for Outstanding Support by a Friends of the Library Groups from NHLTA to their Friends' group.

Solar Panels:

Sarah reported that Unitil approved the larger system, but the upgrade to the system was going to cost \$4000. In discussion with Revision, however, one of their investors agreed to cover that expense so we will be able to proceed.

The next trustees' meeting will be held on November 26th, with a tentative date of the 18th for the December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34. (Sarah/Nancy-2nd). All agreed.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Courchesne