

Vassalboro Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2024

Attendees: Liz McMahon, Denise Behr, Sylvia Michaud, Vickie Limberger, Susan Taylor, Therese Young, Valerie Sugden
Library report

1. The book sale will be May 31 and June 1. We will set up from 10 to 12. There needs to be 2 volunteers to help unload the bins.
2. The library will be closed on June 26 to 28; there will be inmates coming to scrape and paint the exterior windows. The library will buy the paint and we may need to provide scrapers and brushes.
3. The library board discussed the budget. We have a yearly budget of just over \$90,000.00 and will need to communicate the value of the library to the budget committee next winter. The services are growing along with the patron numbers, and the inter library loan provides a service but also the cost has increased for this. We need to justify what we need to to the budget committee and the select board in the next budget cycle, starting January 2025 going to March, 2025.
4. Susan Taylor suggested that we put posters up at the town office when we have the events, so that the people who aren't on social media can see it. Therese, and Val offered to put up posters when Brian emails notice.
5. The board discussed the investments; they are the rainy day fund and are for catastrophic events. Sylvia suggested that we work on the budget to determine the needs and have the data for the next year, when we ask for the town payment. The board decided to continue to discuss this budget though the next several months.
6. The new system has opened up the library to all the libraries of the consortium. A brand new book is available to all patrons but can be denied by library staff if patrons of this library want it first. The Maine State Library will be charging for the van delivery after June 30, when the vendor changes. This will mean a delay of service for maybe a month or two, with no deliveries and no inter library loans for a while. The actual amount the Maine State Library will charge for the van service is not yet determined.

Old Business:

1. Snack Shack: Brian and Vickie met with Karen and got tips for how much food to buy. Brian and Therese will coordinate with Karen for picking up food and dropping it off to the snack shack. The volunteers will make brownies, cookies, and bars. The pricing will be determined at the shack.
2. The Theater play group has met twice, but there is no director yet and not enough actors. Liz sent notices to the Town line, and the Sentinel play will be on October 19 and 20, 2024. There will be one more meeting and if no additional people show up, the play might be canceled.

3. Erskine Cares Day is Thursday May 16 from 8-10:30. The board recommended they help with raking, window washing, wood stacking, and mulch raked around perennials. Volunteers are needed to come and work with the kids. Val, Susan, Therese and Liz will assist. Anybody else who wants to help contact Brian.

Treasurer's report:

1. Statement of activity: The DH grant is closed and Brian has informed the donator of how we have used the grant money.

2. Overall the value of the investments have decreased this month.

The statement of activity sheet was reviewed:

1. The total revenue is \$
2. The total expenditures is \$
3. The net revenue is \$
4. The total assets are \$
5. The total liabilities and equities are \$

The board moved, seconded and voted to accept the Treasury report.

The board moved, seconded and voted to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting will be June 19, 2024 at 4:00, by zoom or in person.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie P. Sugden