

Deep River Library Board

Meeting Minutes June 14, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

Members present: Louise Cowen, A.C. Proctor, Rolf Petersen, Michelle Emfinger, Roy Jefferson, Peggy Maraschiello, and Library Director Ann Paietta

Audience of Citizens

Dave Oliveira from the Board of Selectmen is visiting all town organizations and attended the Library Board Meeting tonight. He presented a donation to the board. AC provided a brief overview of the board's activities and goals. One of the challenges is budget due to increasing cost of books. We will also soon need to replace computers. We discussed some of the unique things that the library provides - only copy of the Deep River Era (on microfilm).

One objective is to adapt with the changing environment - e.g. adding DVDs, setting up a Facebook page, maintaining computers for public access. Computers are part of the capital request, not yearly budget.

April and May meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Some payments made for garden supplies; will be covered by the Rockfall Foundation grant.

Library Director's report

Facebook page is up, need to get people to sign up as friends.

Three more paranormal investigation groups visited the library. Ann passed around reports with some of their findings. Ann put links to some of the reports on the library Facebook page. One more group will visit in June.

Summer reading theme is "Make a Splash - Read". Planning a magic act, cooking class, gardening. Garden looks great!

My Book Cart, a new store in town, will give us a percentage of sales if we add a link to their web site (they sell primarily textbooks).

Shakespeare Club starting in two weeks, on June 28.

New microfilm scanner in place. The company will provide lessons on the equipment.

We discussed having a disaster plan for microfiche.

Committee Reports

Exhibits - Deep River posters will go back up until the next exhibit.

Peggy is working with an estate that includes art and many books (Marion Dock, had a children's TV show in the '50s). The Lyme Art Academy is taking some of the artwork, the remaining items may be donated to the library so that it can be exhibited and possibly sold.

Old business: none

New business: Ann talked to the Friends about putting together a cookbook. The suggestion is to do a seasonal one. There would be a form available for people to use with correct formatting. Aiming to have it ready before Thanksgiving.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm. Next meeting August 9.