

Minutes of Gorham Public Library Trustees Meeting 11/14/2016

Trustees Present:

Aaron Gorban, Gail Wigler, Clint Emmett, Margaret Laperle

Staff/Others Present:

Elizabeth Thompson, Director

Agenda/Discussion:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Aaron Gorban at 6:00pm.

After review of the minutes of the meeting of October 4, 2016, a motion was made to accept the minutes by Aaron Gorban, and was seconded Gail Wigler. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Copies of financial reports/statements were provided for review. .

- Budget- the meeting room at GPL was hardwired for internet access. The cost was \$750. This will allow internet and network access in that meeting room, which was previously unavailable
- Budget- GPL budget is on track and as expected for the remainder of the year
- Budget- 2017 budget process and budget was discussed with the trustees as well as library director. There is a significant impact on wages due to legislative and governmental changes by FLSA
- Budget- Trustees may need to create an overtime policy with this new change in place
- Budget- Discussion on the budgets was concerning a request at level funding as well as differing options that factor in a 2% increase in wages as well as the increase called for by FLSA. This will be further discussed at the December Trustee's meeting
- Budget- Capital Reserve Request for the amount of 10k was submitted via letter signed by Aaron Gorban, Gail Wigler, and Clint Emmett, trustees.

Director's Report:

GPL Director Elizabeth Thompson reported on the following items:

- The NHHG/GPL/BPL co-sponsored program series "Women out of the Kitchen" wrapped successfully on 11/2/16.
- The release party for Wally Whale's Wild Adventure was held on October 25th at 7pm at GPL. The release was well attended and was featured in an article in the Berlin Daily Sun.
- Elizabeth attended the New England Library Association conference from Oct 15th-18th which included an emphasis the importance of S.T.E.M. programming for young girls and including a focus on computer coding. She also attended the yearly New Hampshire Library Association Business meeting on Nov. 3rd.
- Mad Labs, an activity/program with a local homeschooling group, was facilitated by Shannon at GPL- the response has been favorable and it is likely this will continue

- Shannon Buteau will be at the library on Mondays in January as well- this will enhance our programming and allow work groups
- Upcoming events include:
 - The Nature of our National Parks with Dave Govatski
 - Library Holiday Party 12/9/16
 - A Visit from Santa 12/14/16

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be held on December 15th, 2016 at 6:00pm.

A motion to adjourn passed unanimously and the meeting ended at 7:14 pm