

Minutes of Gorham Public Library Trustees Meeting 08/23/2016

Trustees Present:

Aaron Gorban, 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 June 21, 2016, a motion was made to accept the minutes by Aaron Gorban and was seconded by Clint Emmett. Motion passed unanimously.

Work on the face of the library was started by Mark Yourison Construction was completed on Friday, June 17th. There is some final caulking work needing to be done, as well as the dormers. This is on track to be completed mid-September/early October 2016.

Treasurer's Report:

Copies of financial reports/statements were provided for review.

There is a remaining amount of \$2,995 still to be dispersed to Mark Yourison Construction- this will be done in the fall at the completion of the dormers.

Elizabeth Thompson, Library Director, is interviewing candidates for the STEM programming position. This will be a 10 hour per week position to work with programming.

Meg Rajala is coming back to the Gorham Public Library as an on-call staff member.

The budget and expenditures are on track as forecasted.

Director's Report:

GPL Director Elizabeth Thompson reported on the following items:

- Elizabeth was able to attend the Primex Leadership Workshop in June 2016.
- On June 29th, John Harrigan offered a presentation titled "Walking and Wondering" at GPL- it was attended by 45 people.
- The summer reading program was a success and was well attended this year..
- Elizabeth will be unavailable from September 14th through September 27th 2016 for vacation.
- Upcoming events include:

- "Notes from Alaska" with Dan Szczesny on August 31st
- A screening of the documentary film "Uprooted" which explore immigration in NH on September 23rd at the Medallion Opera House
- In October, the humanities fall series will start, titled "Women out of the Kitchen." This project is sponsored by White Mountains Community College, GPL, and Berlin Public Library.
- Ben Kilham, a local bear rescuer/rehab specialist will present at the Medallion Opera House on October 6th.
- October 13th, "Short History of Islam," a Humanities program, will be presented at GPL at 7pm.

Action Items:

The work on the dormers will be done this fall by Mark Yourison construction.

After discussion with trustees, it was decided to not renew training for Elizabeth and other library staff members for Affordable Care Act Healthcare Marketplace Navigators. The library readily invested in this last year, but saw no participation and it is decided to withdraw from this activity at this time.

Dave Landry was available tonight to offer a demonstration and overview of the new technology available to the library: a 3-D printer and scanner. He is building a six week programming course for this technology. This course will start on September 13th and will be available for children from 6th-8th grade.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4th, 2016 at 6:00pm.

A motion to adjourn passed unanimously and the meeting ended at 7:37 pm