

Minutes of Gorham Public Library Trustee Meeting of August 27, 2013

Present:

Trustees: Gail Wigler, Chair; Rufus Ansley, Treasurer; David Graham, Alternate Trustee

Staff: Elizabeth Thompson, Director

Absent:

Aaron Gorban, Trustee

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gail Wigler at 6:00PM.

Rufus Ansley moved to accept the meeting minutes from the Library Trustee Meeting of July 23, 2013. Gail Wigler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Rufus Ansley provided copies of his recent budget analysis and reviewed this with the Trustees.

After reviewing and analyzing the budget, Treasurer Ansley determined that there could be a small deficit in 2013. He recommended that this be addressed by reducing expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year as the first step. He stressed that any reductions should be carefully considered with the overall objective of maintaining current standards and services. As a second step, he recommended that any remaining deficit be funded through the Murphy Bequest.

The Trustees discussed the report and the recommendations. A major concern was maintaining current standards and services. This was unanimous.

Chair Gail Wigler moved to accept the report and recommendations of Treasurer Ansley. This was seconded by David Graham. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Ansley stated that he would continue his work on the budget and keep the Trustees informed of how things are proceeding.

Director's Report:

Director Elizabeth reported that it had been a busy summer and that many activities had been held and more are planned. She outlined some specifics:

- The first two " Art Walks : were held in August. The library remained open for people to view the art from local artists and from works by children made with materials from the Keats Fund grant.
- Next year four Art Walks are planned;
- Elizabeth will revisit whether the library should remain open for them;

- The Summer Reading Program recently ended. A beautiful quilt was made. Elizabeth states that she would like to expand the program next year and her goal is to build it up over time. The presentation of Wade Martin was well attended;
- Zane Brown volunteered his time and the photographs which formerly hung in the reading room. The results are excellent;
- In September, the five-part Civil War Series begins. It will every two weeks through Nov. 5th. The NH Humanities Council provided books and materials. Goal is to have 25 participants;
- On September 11th Annette Holba of Plymouth State University will present a program on Lizzie Borden;
- Elizabeth reported that use of Wi Fi has increased and is sometimes affecting the library computers. This is something she is looking into with a possible solution of hard wiring the computers. She will keep us informed;

Other Business:

None

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 24th at 6:00PM

Treasurer Ansley moved to adjourn. This was seconded by David Graham. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:59PM.