

Gorham Public Library Trustee Meeting of 4/25/2012

Present:

Trustees: Gail Wigler (Chairman), Rufus Ansley (Treasurer), Todd Lukaszewski (Secretary), Aaron Gorban (Alternate Trustee).

Staff: Elizabeth Thompson, Director

Meeting convened at 6:00pm

Rufus Ansley moved to accept the minutes from the trustee meeting of 3/15/2012 with the exception that a request of the selectmen be made to appoint Aaron Gorban as alternate trustee. Correction was also made to the spelling of Rebecca Rule's surname. Gail Wigler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Updates:

Forty chairs were purchased for the meeting room at a cost of \$949.28. The funding for the chairs came from the GPL's Laconia bank account. Methods of withdrawal from this account and the idea of investing some of this money in CD's was discussed, but no changes were made. There is currently a balance of \$20,916.39 in this account.

Policy Updates:

The discussion of the chair purchase from the GPL bank account immediately led into policy revisions. Particular attention was paid to GPL Policy 7: Fiscal wherein an amendment was discussed to authorize the director and treasurer to use their own discretion as to which expenses may be categorized as supplemental to the annual town appropriation. The policy will be discussed further at the next board meeting.

Rufus moved to officially rescind policies which were made obsolete last July. Gail seconded the motion which then passed unanimously.

GPL's policy 4: Public Meeting was revised. Policy 5: Donations will be discussed at the next meeting. Policy 9: Personnel was revised.

Director's Report:

Elizabeth has recently attended two library conferences. The first was Library Leadership; a presentation by Margaret Sullivan, hosted in Hanover and held in conjunction with the Vermont Library Association. Second was the Small Library Summit which was hosted in Concord. Both were considered to be worthwhile meetings.

There has been significant development of the meeting room which has necessitated the purchase of forty chairs, a presentation screen and blinds for the windows. Elizabeth is also looking to purchase an LCD projector.

Stark Decency will be presented by author Allen Koop at the Gorham Medallion Opera House on Wednesday, May 16th at 7pm.

The Coos County Garden Club has agreed to maintain the library's gardens in exchange for the cataloguing of their reference materials. They also plan to plant a pumpkin patch behind the library. Elizabeth expressed her desire to terminate the Christmas Fair and replace it with a Halloween event that could utilize the pumpkins. Todd suggested a coop with the Gorham Fire Department's Halloween hayride and associated festivities. It was agreed that this would be a better time of year to hold such a public event by the library while also having a draw for younger patrons.

Finally, Rufus and Elizabeth recommended that the trustees approve some minor construction projects at the library which will cut energy consumption. They include cleanup of the library's upper floors, the walling in of the main stairwell, and insulation of the first floor ceiling and areas of the basement. Total cost is estimated to be around \$10,000 and will be paid for from the Murphy Fund. Gail moved to accept the proposal and Todd seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

With the possible exception of Aaron Gorban, none of the trustees plan to attend the 2012 NHLTA's annual meeting on Monday, May 21st.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 24th at 6:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.