

Newfield Public Library
Board of Trustees
March 15, 2022

Present: S. Chaffee, T. Albert, A. Birch, T. Szebenyi, A-M. Esposito, T. Kubinec-Smith

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM

Review of Minutes: February minutes were reviewed. Tom made a motion to approve minutes as written. Ann-Marie seconded. All were in favor.

Open Floor to the Community: None

Director report:

Sue reviewed February programs. See director's report for full details.

Highlights below:

Some February programming was well attended and received positive feedback:

- Internet Info Session (with Town) – 20
- A Year in the Life of a Bee Yard – 28
- 25 Recipe of the Month kits
- NPL distributed 62 Birding kits

Upcoming events that need Board participation:

- Postcards from the Borderlands, David Mould author visit on Zoom – Thu, Mar 24 6:30 pm
- Backstage Tour with Drama Club – Tuesday, March 29 6:30-7:30
- Book Sale April 9 (Karin not available) Tammy 8-10, Tom/Ann Marie 10-12, Amanda 12-2. Ann Marie will reach out to R. Pawlewicz to offer volunteer opportunities to students (1-2 per shift) needing community service hours
- Poetry Reading Kathy Kramer – Saturday, April 23 @ 2 PM.

Patron counts are growing with the reduced restriction. Mask mandate has shifted from required to recommended.

Grants for Summer Reading Program and After School Program were submitted and we should have a response by month end.

NPL participates in a standing meeting with the Town to talk about grant opportunities. NPL may provide some additional services in collaboration with the school. Ideas:

- Provide transportation to make summer camp accessible

- Shared programming hosted at school

Ann Marie will pick up a thank you card for Glenn's service as an NPL trustee. Please stop in and sign it.

April is volunteer appreciation month. NPL board will host a dessert and coffee/wine tea after the monthly board meeting April 19th for staff and volunteers.

Treasurer's Report: Theresa discussed the financials for February. Valentine bake sale made \$595, and the raffle basket \$88.

The Treasurer's report contains a separate tab for History and Activities Center Revenue and Expenses. February report and annual reports were distributed and reviewed prior to the meeting.

NPL received a \$4,000 grant toward building repair which will be used for future repairs to roof, door, and painting as needed.

February's opening balance was \$145,383.62 and the Closing balance was \$150,614.90. Tom made a motion to pass the treasurer's report and pay February bills. Tammy seconded. All were in favor. None opposed.

New Business:

Book sale prices – NPL's upcoming book sale will include new inventory.

Premium (unopened DVDs, new books and puzzles) - \$5

- Books – hardcover and paperback - \$2
- DVDs and Puzzles - \$1

NPL will auction 2 computers and donate unusable computers to the Reuse Center.

Staffing Changes: Wendy Wright resigned. Vicki will continue to work at regular pay as a programming coordinator.

Correspondence and Communications:

Ann-Marie will bring a card for Glenn on 3/16/2022.

Next meeting date: Tuesday April 19 at 6:00 PM at the Library,
dessert/refreshments to follow with staff/volunteers.

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 7:13 PM. Amanda seconded. All were in
favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Adams