

Newfield Public Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 26th, 2022

Present- Ann Marie Esposito, Amanda Birch, Theresa Alpert, Tammy Kubinec, Sue Chaffee
Amanda call to order a bit after 6pm

We did not have a quorum so we did not review of past minutes

Open floor to community- no comments

Director's Report

Sue reviewed her report. She reviewed the June programs:

June Programs:

Afterschool Special- 2 sessions/6 count (average of 3 per day)

Weekly program for teens by Dean – 1 session/5 count

Pre-K Field Trip – 36 + 6 adults

Movie – 0

PTA button making workshop to promote school budget vote – 8

Flag History - 11 very well received

Sciencenter paper mountains – 3

Storytime (hybrid) every Tuesday at 10:30 am

4th Grade Field Trip – 56 + 10 adults

1972 Flood Event – 16

Spinning Class – 10 People really enjoyed this, even though some expected exercise

SRP Kickoff - 48

35 Recipe of the Month kits

Assisted Beautification Committee to distribute 100 garden kits

The kickoff had some positive comments on Facebook and the people who attended really enjoyed it. This was part of an arts grant that included this and the backstage access to the HS play this past April and there will be another event in the fall with the MS play.

Upcoming events that need Board participation

Old Home Days parade and book sale – Saturday, July 30th

Stories from the People of the Longhouse – Thursday, August 4 at 6:30 pm Ann Marie and Theresa said that they can attend

SRP Grand Finale – Tuesday, August 30 at 5:30 pm

Chop Chef – Please view and vote

Circulation and event attendance is at a good pace.

Grants and Donations

United Way SRP grant awarded \$1550

Submitted FOL grant app for \$500 to improve diversity of holiday picture book collection.

This seems to be a logical beginning step toward having more diversity at the library.

Larry Miller has made progress with the ramp and railings at the History and Events Center. This should be completed soon. The Historical Society is requesting changes in the language regarding which members of the historical society may have keys. They would like to remove the town historian and add NHS Chief Archivist. The regulations require that a town historian not be the head leadership in a historical society. This change would be more aligned with the regulations. The discussion was this change makes sense and would have little to no impact and it is aligned with the requirements in the lease to limit the number of keys available. We do not have a quorum so we cannot vote on this, but we will let the NHS know that we do not foresee an issue and we will be voting on this at our next meeting.

As far as funding for the NHS, Sue provided a list of the expenses and the income for the history center. We need to vote on if we continue with the lease. The NHS is asking the town to increase their contribution to \$10,000 and they should ask that this is an annual contribution

The NHS has a draft of a letter to The Town of Newfield. They gave a paper copy to Sue. They are looking for feedback. Sue gave them some suggestions. A PDF of the letter was emailed to members of the board during the meeting.

Treasurer's Report-

We do not have a quorum, so this was tabled until the next meeting.

Old Home Days-

Tammy, Theresa, Theresa's niece and nephew, Rachel, Amanda are willing to be in the float

We need help decorating the trailer at 9:30. Chris Esposito is bringing the trailer and Rachel is bringing the instruments and the goody bags. Ayden is cutting out the notes and painting them so they will be ready for the float. Sue ordered a tinsel curtain decoration for the bottom of the trailer. Charlie Hunsinger has a speaker that works on battery, but he does not have a way to power his keyboard. If those logistics are not figured out, we might use a Bluetooth speaker. We can put the banner on the back of the truck or have someone walk with it. We will have zip ties and duct tape and do our best.

The bookmarks in the goody bags are really great. The person who made them will not accept money, so we will get her some lamination film and a Barnes and Nobel gift card.

Book sale-

Amanda will go to the library on Friday at 2:00 and see if all the books will fit in her car. If she cannot handle all the books, we will ask Tammy to help with some.

Theresa will work on getting change.

The price will be 2 books for \$1

Sue is setting up the library blue tent.

We will have a few tables and some blankets down

Tammy and Amanda will meet at 9:00 on Saturday to set up

We will have a donation bucket as well

Sue has a partial schedule for the book sale and is checking with a few people to fill in the blanks

Next meeting will be August 9th, which is a week earlier than originally planned. We will vote on the things we could not vote on and we will invite the NHS to meet with us because they would like to have a meeting with us.