

**Newfield Public Library  
Board Meeting  
August 9, 2022**

**Present:** Sue, Rachel, Theresa, Tammy, Tom, Ann Marie, Amanda

Meeting started at 6:05 p.m.

**Director's Report: Sue**

July programs went well, good attendance and participation.

August events needing Board participation:

Aug 11 - celebration for Dean and Aiden

Aug 29 – commercial fishing in Alaska

Aug 30 – SRP Grand finale, free hotdogs, ice cream, beverages and snacks.

**NHAC votes needed:**

- 1) Amanda moved to accept the Historical Society's request to change officially which members of the Society may have keys to the building; they would like to have wording changed so that the NHS Chief Archivist holds keys instead of the town historian. Ann Marie seconded. Motion passed.
- 2) Amanda moved to authorize Sue to sign a new lease for 2023 the NHAC apartment next door; rent will increase to \$1,100/month. Ann Marie seconded. Motion passed.

**Minutes:**

Tammy moved to accept the April, May, June, and July minutes. Amanda seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer Report: Theresa**

June highlights: \$5,000 anonymous donation; received two Community Foundation Grants, one for \$1,000 for Summer Youth Outreach, and one for \$7,000 Tompkins Today & Tomorrow Youth Outreach. Checkbook opening month balance: \$121,038.36; closing month balance: \$122,163.98.

July highlights: received \$1,126.40 Discovery Trail Inc funds for Kindergarten class visits. On expense side, paid first invoice for financial review done by Insero & Co for \$3,000. I expect one more invoice for the filing of tax forms.

Checkbook opening month balance: \$122,163.98; closing month balance: \$106,147.08.

Tom moved to accept both the June and July reports. Amanda seconded. Motion passed.

**Old business:**

Old Home Days Parade and book sale went well. Thank you to all who helped decorate the float, walked in the parade, and worked and supported the book sale.

We won the award for "Best Float"; \$50 check! Yay for us!!

Historical Society wrote a draft letter to the Town asking for continued and increased support for the NHAC in the amount of \$10,000 (*received \$5,000 for 2022*). Sue received the letter for review and feedback. Sue will send back to the HS some suggested corrections/changes to the letter.

Sue received a letter from the Town outlining it will be a tough budget year and financial constraints. The contribution to the Library will remain constant at \$25,000.

Library Trustee Application from Paula was reviewed. Paula sat in on the July meeting to observe, but, Sue has not heard back from her since. After much discussion, members felt Paula was not the best fit for the Board at this time. Ann Marie will reach out to Paula to let her know the board's decision; we appreciate her interest and support of the library; and suggest she could volunteer at future library events if she'd like.

Our hope is to fill the two vacant seats with people with children, attending Newfield schools or being homeschooled, and connected in the community. Some names were identified; Ann Marie and Rachel will reach out to them to gauge their interest.

**New Business:**

Rachel: Jon Armstrong approached her with the suggestion of doing a joint program, between the Historical Society and Library, highlighting the Boy Scout's recent trip to Scotland.

Some of the local youth who went on the trip (*Preston, Angelina, Dean*) could give a little talk about their experiences, how did they get to go on the trip, steps leading up to the trip, preparations, share pictures and stories. We could have maps displayed, a flight tracker, and books about Scotland.

Rachel told Jon she would speak with the trip leader, Jim Graney, and bring it to our board for discussion.

Those present agreed that this would be a great opportunity for all involved; a chance to highlight and acknowledge some of our local youth; an opportunity for them to share and shine; inspiration to others. Looking at holding it in the Fall, evening event.

Possibly have a display of travel books to either 1) check out from the library, or 2) purchase if we have a collection in the basement for sales.

This may open an ongoing event opportunity; highlighting a different country/location quarterly (speaker, pictures, stories, food).

More to come.

Meeting adjourned 7:10 p.m.