

Readfield Community Library Board Meeting
March 4, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:33.

Those present: Pam Mitchell, Brenda Lake, Sonya Clark, Deb Peale, Maureen Kinder, Melissa Small, Librarian

Those excused: Jan Tarbuck, Pat Clark, Betty Peterson

Secretary's report: The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was approved.

Librarian's Report:

- *New Library hours: Very positive reports from new patrons!
Monday 3-7. Tuesday 10-4, Wednesday 1-7, Saturday 10-4
- * Nancy O'Toole Merservier: 15 attendees
- * Maple Tree will come on Tuesday mornings now.
- *Play Group will be at the library on the 1st Thursday of the month.
- *Knitting: 3 attendees
- * Library website: Eric, Maureen and Melissa met to discuss this issue and it seems best to have library's website merge with the town's website. This will begin in April or May. So, we will not need to pay the \$46.00 yearly fee for Word Press.
- *Recycling program will be held in April. The town will have compost buckets to give away. Ellen Bowman will have a recrafting and repurposing book activity.
- * The quilt from Loose Threads is hanging in the circulation room.

Old Business:

- * Maine 200th Potluck supper on March 14th at Kents Hill, doors open at 5:30. Board will help clean up. Readfield U will be in March.
- * Renovation Update: This was discussed and will start at the library in early May and the finish date is slated for the end of May. SJ Wood of Winthrop has been awarded the combined renovation of the library roof and fire department renovation and addition. Work is expected to start in the Spring of 2020 and completion in the fall of 2020. Final contract details to be announced at a later date.
- *Discussion regarding a secure wireless router and continued effort in the upgrade of downstairs lighting to LED in poorly lit foyer and rooms. These items will be looked into further.

- * A motion was made and approved to spend \$260.00 for new LED fixtures in the foyer. Grant monies will be used.

- * Summer Book Sale, August 8, 2020: We can not do the summer book sale at the Fire House due to the renovations. We will have it outside on the library lawn or the Town Hall (if it rains).

- * Book Group: Last Wednesday in April, which is the 29th. The book will be, "Into the Raging Sea", which is about the sinking of the El Faro.

- * Friends update was given.

New Business:

- * Eco Maine Program: see Librarian's Report.

- * Summer Reading Program: The board decided not to follow the national program this year and have the theme be the State of Maine in honor of its bicentennial. Melissa will try to schedule Chewonki for August 17th at 6:00 in the Town Hall.

- * Maine Humanites Speaker Series: Discussion tabled til April.

- * COVid: Deb and Melissa will meet to discuss.

- * Paint brushes were donated for craft activities.

- * Cake Pans: This is in the works to loan out and will have a catalogue for patrons to see. Possibility of a cake demonstration.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14.

The next meeting will be April 1, 2020 at 6:30 at the library.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pam Mitchell

Secretary of the Readfield Community Library

March 8, 2020