

READFIELD COMMUNITY LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
APRIL 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 (via Zoom) by Chair Pam Mitchell.
Trustees present were: Pam Mitchell, Sonya Clark, Deb Peale, Brenda Lake, Jan Tarbuck, Maureen Kinder, Pat Clark, Betty Peterson and Librarian Melissa Small.
Excused: Jennifer Bonnefond

Secretary's Report: March minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: A couple of items were discussed and then approved.

Librarian's Report:

- Maine Library Association Annual Conference: Melissa and Pat will present a presentation about our Story Walk project on May 24, 2:00 pm via Zoom.
- Network Upgrades: Upgrades may be possible. Mellissa is checking into this.
- State Park Pass: We will be offering a State Park Pass again this year.
- Recent donations: 3 signed books by author Susan Richards ("Chosen by a Horse, Chosen Forever, Saddled"); I signed copy of "Deadly Turn" by author Sandra Neily; cardstock and paper for crafts from Cricket B.; spinning wheel from a patron which we will raffle this spring and summer.
- Leftover books from Book Sale: looking into places to send them.
- Coronavirus-related Issues: MSL is switching quarantine period from 72 hours to 24 hours. Board agreed to this. We will eliminate disposable gloves for browsing but push hand sanitizer upon entry. Board approved this. Number of patrons in library, right now it is one patron or family, we will revisit this in May.
- General updates: Work is continuing to fix what is needed at the Library. A sub committee was formed to evaluate best way to utilize the upstairs rooms.
- Story Walk Grant: This project is coming along. Melissa is advertising for "Sponsor-A-Book" for the story walk. We have 6 sponsors already. Date for Grand Opening for this event will be late May or early June.
- Programming/Event Statistics for March: Zoom story time met 5 times averaging about 10 attendees; Writers Group informational meeting with 6 attendees; March Book Group & Author Q & A with 16 attendees.
- New Library Cards for March -5
- Facebook Followers: 395 followers at the end of March
- Curbside Service: 43 for March
- April and May events: Writers Group continues to meet twice a month; Story Time continues by Zoom in April and may change to Town Beach in May; 2nd Annual Poetry Share by Zoom on Wednesday April 21 at 7:00 pm.; Book Club on Monday, April 26 at 6:30 by Zoom. The book for April is "The Silent Patient" by Alex Michaelides.
- Summer Events: Discussion tabled till May.

- Summer Reading Program: Board voted to go with the “Maine” theme that was planned for last summer.
- 75th Birthday Celebration for the Library: Discussion tabled till May.

Thank You Melissa.

Old Business:

- Story Walk Update: Discussed in Librarian’s Report.
- Book Group and Writers Group: Discussed in Librarian’s Report.

New Business:

- COVID updates: Volunteers: Discussed in Librarian’s Report.
- Curbside pickup: Discussed in Librarian’s Report.
- Future Programming Ideas: Tabled
- Sub Committee for Upstairs Room: Deb, Brenda, Pam, and Betty have volunteered.
- Summer Reading Program: Decided that “Maine” would be the theme.
- Furniture from Maple Tree School: Sub Committee will look into this.
- 75th Readfield Library Celebration: Tabled till May.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

The next meeting will be held on May 5 at 6:30 via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Peterson, Secretary