

READFIELD COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Chair, Deb Peale.

Present were: Deb Peale, Brenda Lake, Sonya Clark, Pam Mitchell, Jan Tarbuck, Donna Witherill, Pat Clark, Betty Peterson, and Maureen Kinder, Librarian.

Excused: Jen Bonnefond

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The July and August reports were approved.

**Librarian's Report:**

General Updates:

- We continue to receive positive feedback for the upgrades in the circulation area.
- We need a few more signs for the circulation desk.
- It would be nice to have a plaque saying the renovations were made possible by a grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation.
- Heat pumps worked very well this summer regarding temperature and humidity level.
- Maureen will be taking vacation on Sept. 28, October 25 – Nov. 2.
- Diana O'Toole has donated a homemade quilt to raffle off. We will start showing it through Oct. and Nov. with the drawing to be held at the Tree Lighting in December.

Programs/Event Updates:

- Summer Reading Program: 48 children signed up with 63 reading logs handed in for a total of 189 hours of reading
- Story time at the beach: Story time was hosted by Pat Clark and held each Thursday in July and August. Participation was better in July than in August
- Author Barbara Walsh talk: This event was held on August 24 at the Readfield Union Meeting House with 32 attendees.
- Martin Swinger Songwriter and Sing-along: This event was held on August 3 at the Readfield Union Meeting House with 12 attendees.
- Chewonki's "Owls of Maine": Due to inclement weather this event was held at Gile Hall. A total of 102 attendees, 41 children and 61 adults.

September Events:

- Maine Humanities Council Let's Talk About It series begins this month. First book is "Bless Me, Ultima" by Rudolfo Anaya to be discussed on Monday, Sept 30 at 6:30.

October Events:

- "Guess the weight of the pumpkin" contest. Will do this again this year.
- "Let's Talk About it October selection is "Go Tell It on the Mountain" by James Baldwin to be held on Monday, Oct. 27 at 6:30.
- Halloween is on Thursday this year. We will be open from 4 to 7 for Trick or Treaters.

Librarian's Report Accepted:

**Old Business:**

- Renovations: Circulation area renovations are near completion.
- Book Sale: Very successful. Many books were brought to the firehouse the day of the sale. Will continue the book sale with advertising to bring books the day of sale. Need many people to help sort books at beginning of sale and about 4 or 5 people to help bring books to Goodwill at end of sale.
- Friends of the Readfield Community Library: Deb will meet with the Friends to solicit their help with the quilt raffle and make suggestions for other fundraisers.
- Age Friendly Committee Cooperative Program: A couple of meetings will be held in September. More information will be available in October.

**New Business:**

- New Library hours: New hours were suggested. Tabled until October for further study.
- Volunteer Appreciation event: This event will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 6:30. This event will be in conjunction with an open house to invite residents to view the renovations of the circulation area.
- Elections of Board Members for the year: A slate of Deb Peale, Chair, Brenda Lake, Vice Chair, Sonya Clark, Treasurer and Betty Peterson, Secretary was voted on and approved.
- Pot luck dinner/game night fundraiser at Van Der Brew was tabled.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2 at 6:30 at the Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Peterson, Secretary