

READFIELD COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2016

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

Those present were: Deb Peale, Lori Clark, Pam Mitchell, Jan Tarbuck, Donna Witherill, Betty Peterson, and Nancy O'Toole Meservier, Librarian.

Excused were: Brenda Lake, Beverly Monsulick, and Cricket Blouin

September's Secretary Report: Accepted

September's Treasurer's Report: Beverly was not present but had a report for us. It was accepted.

Librarian's Report:

- Silent Auction: One item was not picked up yet, but another patron is interested in it.
- Autumn Shift: Moving a few sections of the library is complete, thanks to volunteer, Christy for doing a majority of the actual moving. The response has been positive from patrons.
- Senior Café: This visitation went nicely. Many good questions were asked of Nancy.
- Guess the weight of the pumpkin: Jan Tarbuck has donated a pumpkin and we will have a contest for the children to guess the weight.
- November vacation: Nancy will taking a vacation the week of Thanksgiving. She doesn't foresee any problems with finding coverage.
- Finished Programs: Over the past month we had two author programs. One was very successful and one was not. Len Kalkwarf, who wrote a book on the libraries of the US Presidents, was not well attended. Dale Potter Clark, who wrote a book on the history of the summer camps around the local lakes, was well attended. Both were good programs; however, we feel that Dale is a well known in this area and she did some of her own promotion. Also some people who showed up owned property on these lakes.
- Volunteer Appreciation Night: Invitations have been mailed. Will discuss further in old business.
- Halloween: Halloween falls on a Monday this year. The Library is open from 6 to 8 on Mondays. We will open at 4:00 on Halloween. Betty Peterson and Jan Tarbuck have offered to help with trick or treaters.
- Upcoming Event: The Maine Humanities Council will be returning in 2017 to do another book club. We will be reading five books this time and the program is called "Where Am I? The Individual and the Community." Dates will be forth coming but will probably run winter through spring.
- Lending Snow Shoes: We have one pair of snow shoes donated. Nancy will work on this project this month. We will advertise this through the Messenger and Advertiser.'
- Wire book racks: Nancy is looking for homes for the leftover wire book racks.

Old Business:

- Volunteer Appreciation Night Details: This event will be held on October 26 at 6:30. Assignments were assigned.
- Halloween Details: Monday, October 31, library will be open from 4 to 8. Board members will bring in candy to be handed out to trick or treaters.

- Piano: We still have the piano. Deb is asking a few people if they are interested.
- Snowshoes: Will be advertising in the Messenger and Advertiser.
- Upstairs clean up: Will probably do this in November.

New Business:

- Organize Library Christmas Tree Lighting: The Tree Lighting will be held on Friday, December 2, at 6:30. Rain or Snow date will be on Sunday, December 4, at 4:30. Assignments were assigned and we will discuss this more at the November meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 2, at 6:30 at the High School.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Peterson, Secretary