

1 READFIELD COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 by Chair, Deb Peale.

Those present were: Deb Peale, Beverly Monsulick, Jan Tarbuck, Pam Mitchell, Donna Witherill, Lori Clark, Betty Peterson, Nancy O'Toole Meservier, Librarian, Christine Sammons, Select Board Member, and Hugh Costello, library volunteer.

October's Secretary Report: Accepted

October's Treasurer's Report: Accepted

Hugh, a library volunteer, had a concern he wanted to address to the Board. His concern was that we have a very dedicated volunteer from Manchester who pays an out of town fee to use our library. Hugh feels we should waive her fee. The Board discussed this concern and a motion was made by Pam Mitchell and seconded by Lori Clark that "The Library Board of Trustees would like to waive the out of town fee for this very dedicated volunteer for the year 2017. We will look at this concern again next year." All approved.

Librarian's Report:

- Guess the weight of the pumpkin: Children enjoyed this project. We had 20 guesses. Thank you to the Tarbucks for donating the pumpkin.
- Volunteer Appreciation Night: Went well. We had about fifteen people attend. Beverly gathered up the left over goodies and made pretty bags for a couple of regular volunteers who could not attend. Will do this again next year and will also prepare goody bags for summer volunteers who have left by now.
- Halloween: We had a banner year for Halloween with 220 people showing up for trick or treating or check out books. Nice to have the library participate in a community based event.
- Silent Auction: Last two items have been picked up and paid for. We have a couple of items left which were not bid on. Nancy is advertising them on MeLIBS, a library listsev.
- Snowshoes: Only one pair have been donated. We feel that once winter arrives we may get more. Board members will keep watch for more in sales, etc. Snowshoes will be circulated on a 2 week time frame, like all else at the library.
- Upcoming Program: Laura Bantly Book Signing, a local Children's author will be here on Wednesday, November 9 at 3 pm to do a reading and sign her picture book "When Ladybug Bear Came to Maine."
- Upcoming Program: "Let's Talk about it" book club schedule will begin February 15 and go through May 17.
- Puzzles: Puzzles have been donated by Cricket and will be made available for loan shortly. If this goes well we may offer board games as well.
- Stocking Stuffers: The Stocking Stuffers book shelf will be offered again this year and will be set up shortly.

Old Business:

- Details for the Christmas Tree Lighting were firmed up. Posters were made and will be distributed at many locations.

New Business:

- Select Board Member, Christine Sammons, spoke to us about her idea to include a walk through our trails to be included with our Christmas Tree Lighting. We all decided it would be too late to include it this year but we will talk about it for next year.
- December meeting: We usually do not have a December meeting; however, the Age Friendly Community Committee would like to meet with us to discuss the results of the “Community Needs Survey” about items that effect the library. Deb will see if we can meet on either December 5 or 7. If these dates are not good for the committee will wait until January.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Peterson