

READFIELD COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 by Vice-Chair, Brenda Lake.

Those present were: Brenda Lake, Pam Mitchell, Donna Witherill, Jan Tarbuck, Betty Peterson and Nancy O'Toole Meservier, Librarian.

Excused were: Deb Peale, Beverly Monsulick and Cricket Blouin.

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

Treasurer's Report: Beverly was not present but sent a report. It was accepted as read.

Librarian's Report:

- Finished Program: Summer Reading: Nancy was not happy with the summer reading program. Fewer children signed up than past years and fewer books were read. Nancy will look into this and make some changes.
- Finished Program: Children's Story Hour: This program ran the same as last year with good participation during the beginning of the summer and less later on.
- Finished Program: "Geology is a Piece of Cake" author program. The author did an excellent job of presenting this program. We had 15 participants and was enjoyed by all.
- Finished Event: August Book Sale: Book sale went fabulously this year. Great group of people helping set up, made good money, musician performed well and very smooth breakdown. Nancy also reported that the Friends of the Librarian did well and she will be purchasing a sandwich board for the Library with their proceeds.
- Finished Program: An Encounter with a local poet, Brent Northup: This was a smaller program with seven attendees but was successful.
- Finished Program: Chewonki: Nancy was not as happy with the attendance this year. We had 25 people but usually have twice that at this program. The program itself was high quality and those attending enjoyed it. Two other events were happening that night which might have caused lower attendance. A suggestion was made to look into having this program a week sooner.
- Upcoming Program: Let's Talk About It Book Program: Nancy sent out notices to those who attended last year to see what topics they prefer.
- Upcoming Program: Volunteer Appreciation Night: It is scheduled for Oct. 18. Invitations will be sent out soon.
- General Update: Guess the weight of the pumpkin: Jan will donate a pumpkin again this year and it will be at the library the beginning of October.
- New Project: Weeding the Junior Books: Nancy has had volunteers weeding the Junior Books as many have not been taken out in years. The weeded books will go into our annual book sale.

Librarian's report was approved.

Old Business:

- Discussion, thoughts on Summer Book Sale: As discussed in Nancy's report all went well. Board members had a few suggestions for next year's sale.
- Discussion, thoughts on Summer Reading Program: Board members gave some thoughts and suggestions on how to improve the summer program. We will continue to think about this.
- Volunteer Appreciation Night is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 18 from 6:30 to 7:30. Assignments will be given out at the October meeting.
- Halloween at the Library: We will open the Library on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31 from five to eight.
- Tool Boxes: Tabled till next month
- New Board Member ideas: We need a new board member. One suggestion was made to put a sign up on the desk at the Library.

New Business:

- Big planter by entrance needs a new caretaker. Donna has offered to take care of this.
- Preliminary discussion, Library Tree Lighting: This event will take place on Friday, December 1 with a bad weather date set for Sunday, December 3 at 4:00.

Next meeting will be held on October 11 at 6:30. Place to be decided later.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Peterson