

READFIELD LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

September 2, 2015

The Meeting was called to order at 6:50 by Chair, Deb Peale. Members present were Brenda Lake, Cricket Blouin, Jan Tarbuck, Donna Witherill, Beverly Monsulick, Pam Mitchell, Betty Peterson and Librarian Nancy O'Toole Meservier. Excused was Lori Clark.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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Librarian Report:

- Very successful summer reading program. Ninety-two children participated and 1015 books were read. This program was more successful than any other reading program in the past.
- Prizes were popular also. Some were donated by patrons and some were donations from Apple Valley Books.
- Children's hour went well, probably due to the fact that a craft was involved, as well as a story.
- A Chewonki visit culminated the summer reading program. It was held on Monday, August 24 and was well attended with about 70 patrons.
- The Elementary School Literacy Program met twice at the Library.
- The Hometown Hero Board has been up for about a month and received many positive responses from patrons.
- Maple Tree School came to the Library last year for a visit where the children took out books. Nancy will reach out to them this fall and see if they would like to come a couple of times a month.
- Summer hours went quite well this summer. We will consider doing it again next year.
- Book Club is returning. "The Art of Racing" will be discussed on Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m.
- Nancy has a new volunteer. She and the other volunteers will be weeding picture books and picture and CD books.

Librarian's report was accepted as read with many thanks to Nancy for doing a wonderful job.

Old Business:

- Book Sale: We again had a very successful book sale held at the Firehouse during Heritage Days. More than \$1000.00 was made. For next year we will be looking for other places to donate our leftover books.
- Deb will be contacting the High School industrial arts teacher for ideas on how to build "little libraries", a Library outreach program.

We are still working on cleaning up our second floor.

New Business:

- Select Board Liaison Policy - We reviewed this policy and will write a response.
- Out of town volunteers/library card fee - We have a volunteer who lives in

Manchester and were wondering if we should waive her out of town fee because she is a volunteer. The Board voted that she should still pay a fee.

- Volunteer appreciation night - We will have Library volunteer appreciation night on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 6:30 to 7:30. Will discuss more at October meeting.
- Halloween: Halloween falls on Saturday this year, so we will be open as usual.
- Next meeting: Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 6:45 at the Library.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Peterson, Secretary