

May Library Trustees Meeting – May 21, 2019 at the town library

Present: Cat Spalding, Linda Boutin, Ann Downing

The meeting came to order at 10 AM.

The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Cat had found a storefront “OPEN” flag online from a company that she has dealt with before. The 3’ by 5’ flag with hardware costs \$71.19. Without the hardware it is \$40.00. It was noted that the flag may be bigger than what is needed, and it does not specify, “**Library** Open.” The trustees looked at the outside of the building to see where a sign or flag could be displayed. It was decided to continue looking, and to check with the selectboard about putting a sign on the building. Ann will check with Old Church Theater in Bradford to learn where they got their banners and Linda will check out the Staples store to see what they have.

Ann had an email from Delsie in response to her question to the selectboard about the library budget. The library budget is listed under capital funds on page 16 of the 2018 West Fairlee Town Report. According to the report, the town library had a balance of \$7,850 at the end of 2018. The librarian’s salary is on page 11 of the report under payroll.

The trustees discussed the possibility of having the library open more hours, especially during the day when it might be more convenient for seniors. The extra hours could be staffed by volunteers. Linda said she would be able to volunteer some hours. The trustees need to check into the liability of using volunteers, especially if they would be working with children. Different ideas were discussed about how to bring more people into the library, such as a knitting club or a book club for adults. The question was how to contact seniors and others about a club to determine the interest and how to set up a meeting. Possible contacts are Thetford Eldernet and Orange East Senior Center. Linda will talk with the Fairlee town library about how to set up a reading group. Ann will check out the Thetford library website to see what she can learn. Ann will also ask Viola if the person who contacted her about having a meeting aimed at seniors to help them avoid scams ever got back to her about using the library.

In the past, Viola sponsored a summer reading program for children. Ann will check with Viola about possible plans for this summer. Ann will also check with Delsie about the Vermont Afterschool grant that she was working on with Creative Spirit.

It was noted that having two working computers in the library would be an asset to the community. With just one of the computers working, as is currently the case, people may be discouraged if they come to use the computer and it is being used. Linda said that her husband suggested that a company may be willing to donate their old computers, they were getting new ones. Linda will check with him to see if he has any specific ideas.

It was decided to have a set time for the library trustee meetings. Until further notice, the library trustee meetings will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10 AM in the town library. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 18, 2019 at 10 AM.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Downing, secretary