

Abbott Memorial Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
October 17, 2022

The October 17th board meeting took place both in person at the library, and with online attendance

The meeting began at 7:10pm

Present (in person): Tina Clifford, Cory Smith (Librarian), Jocelyn Randles, Cara DeFoor and Mary Worrell. (online): Betsy Rhodes and Susan Burgess

The agenda was reviewed and adopted

The September 19th Minutes were reviewed and adopted

Reports

Librarian: Cory Smith

- Storytime has occurred once a week for two weeks and will be held four more times for a total of six times. This event has been posted on the website and in The Standard.
- Craft bags continue to be available.
- A lantern walk for early December is under consideration
- Vermont author of Alzheimer Canyon, Jane Dwinell, will be speaking at The Library in early January.
- The VT Reads book, The Most Costly Journey, is now available at The Library. This book is based on 19 stories of migrant workers in VT and is formatted similarly in style to a graphic novel. In person programming will be scheduled in late winter or spring. The VT Humanities website provides a recorded kick-off discussion on why the book was created and the genre chosen.
- Interlibrary loan courier service began with pick-ups on October 4th and 11th and will continue on Tuesdays through next September. So far the library has both sent out and received books on request.

Betsy Rhodes (Building and Grounds)

- The basement is currently dry with slight dampness in the northwest corner of the south room, by the fuse box. Due to proximity to the box, we'll call the electrician to determine whether an immediate fix is necessary.
- The basement clean is being spearheaded by Sue Heston.

Susan Burgess (Treasurer)

- The September P&L shows that income and expenses are within expectations.

Mary Worrell (Development)

- Annual appeal letter is in the process of being edited
- Both the annual town allocation and donor contributions are critical to the continued robust library maintenance and operations.

Jocelyn Randles (Outreach)

- On Sunday, November 14th at 4pm, Bruce Coffin and Chris Sweeney will offer their presentation on British poet, Phillip Larkin, to commemorate a hundred years since his birth. We are expecting up to 20 attendees. The event has been advertised on the Pomfret, Woodstock, and Upper Valley list serves, as well as on Front Porch Forum, The Standard, and Daybreak.

Tina Clifford (Chair)

- Narrative and Financial Reports are being drafted and are due on Dec.9th 2022.

Old Business:

Library concerns regarding the South Pomfret pedestrian safety scoping project are primarily related to parking and patron safety. In particular, the library would like to see a plan that will help reduce speeding on Library St and address the issue of where trucks will have sufficient space to park.

Next meeting: November 21st, 2022

Meeting adjourned: 9:05pm