

## Minutes

Grafton Library Trustees Meeting, 8/26/2021  
Grafton Town Hall

In attendance: Andrew Cushing, Karen Johnson, George Curran, Susan Fienberg, Paul and Denise Vogt, Deb Clough, Elaina Bergamini, Kate Coolley, Mary Gasiorowski, Cindy Kudlik, Bob and Sharon Forshee

### **Immediate Business**

George made an amendment to the last month's minutes, to include announcement of Kate's promotion after the non-public session.

One estimate has been received for the roof repair; two more are anticipated. George announced that he would bring them all to the September meeting for a vote.

George distributed copies of the signed MOU between the Trustees and FOGL.

The selectboard approved the donation of the FOGL picnic table on the library lot.

George and Kate agreed to form a subcommittee to prepare for the 2022-23 budget, with a draft to be discussed at the September meeting.

### **Library Director**

Kate shared her monthly report for July, which saw an increase in total visits (134 compared to 103 in June) and computer usage, but steady media check-outs.

"Books for Beads" summer program had sixteen participants and book club had seven attendees.

Discussion about the portable toilet: Kate reached out to several area providers and the Trustees voted (Andrew motioned, Karen seconded) to extend the contract to JBC Septic.

In looking over the budget and the staffing needs, the Trustees approved expending approximately \$500 more/month on wages through the rest of the calendar year to address administrative needs, cataloging, and professional development.

Kate recommended that the trustees meet with Town officials to start including a public email address to at least cc in all Trustee-related email communication, in the event of a Right to Know request. Kate agreed to meet with Sue to create/re-establish the [library@townofgraffton.net](mailto:library@townofgraffton.net) email address.

George and Kate shared concerns from some patrons and staff about Cake Wednesday. There is concern that the popular event is too loud and messy for the small space and it makes some patrons uncomfortable. Deb and Elaina from FOGL disagreed and felt that the community-building that Cake Wednesday has built should be considered; also that other shifts at the library are quiet and maybe preferable for some patrons. Kate was tasked with developing recommendations/solutions that would please both sides.

## **Financial**

Karen shared the treasurer's report, which shows 43% of 2021's budget spent.

George moved to accept all donations (\$100 and all media) and approve all invoices - most of which related to the \$2,800 in grant funding received from the state library through the federal stimulus package (ARPA), Karen seconded.

## **Committee Updates**

FOGL will be holding Garlic Fest on October 9.

Elaina announced that FOGL approved spending money to deliver regular (biannual) newsletters to residents in town. The Trustees were invited to participate in developing content and news for the newsletters.

The NH Humanities event on August 6 had thirteen attendees. The lower than expected attendance was thought to be due to covid concerns, the simultaneous Canaan Old Home Day, and need for better communication/advertising.

Susan shared that the next Strategic Planning Committee would take place August 28 at 10am at the town hall, and lastly on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 10-12noon at the town hall.

## **Public Comment**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.