

## **Randolph Public Library Trustees' Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, June 21, 2023**

Present: Annie Colella, Denise Demers, Yvonne Jenkins, Linda Scherf, Steve Teczar

Absent: Karen Bradley

1. Annie moved the minutes for May 17 to be approved and Steve seconded. All were in favor.
  
2. **Treasurer's Report, Annie**
  - Town Checking: \$12, 828.88
  - RPL Checking: \$12, 727.86
  - Building Fund CD as of 3/31/23: \$19,256.97
  - Annie will check on pre-buying propane for 2023-2024.
  - We now have the digital subscription to Consumer Reports!
  - Invoices were distributed for approval.
  
3. **Friends Group, Yvonne**

The June 10<sup>th</sup> Friends Gathering was successful with around 35 people in attendance. It attracted old and new Town residents, several of whom obtained new library cards. Special thanks to Catherine Zirpolo, Anne Forsyth, and Michele Cormier for making the Gathering happen.
  
4. **Librarian's Report, Yvonne**
  - We did not receive the Solar Grant from Ebsco. There were 100 applications from all over the world. One benefit from the work that went into our application is that some parts may be useful for future grant applications.
  - The Library received a donation from Elizabeth Bates of Izaak Walton's *The Compleat Angler* (London, Harrap, 1931) with illustrations by Arthur Rackham. The book was first published in 1897. Our highly collectible edition will be kept in the White Mountain Room.
  - The "When Will the Seven Break?" contest was won by June Hammond Rowan with a winning date of June 1. The 7 broke at 4:05 on May 31. Sixty-three people participated in this year's contest which received a lengthy write-up in *THE BERLIN SUN* on June 8, pages 8 & 10.
  - A book discussion of *A Deep Presence: 13,000 Years of Native American History* by Robert G. Goodby will be held on July 26 from 10-11:30. Eight copies of the book are available. Each of the 4 Great North Woods Libraries purchased 2 copies.
  - The Electric Vehicle Showcase is coming up on July 8 from 11-1:00. Gift sponsorships have been received from the White Mountain Café, Big Day Brewing, and Peak Health.

- Library events can now be posted to *The Randolph Weekly* via the Randolph Foundation website. Yvonne has submitted two items thus far. Keith Dempster is the new editor for the *Weekly*. Patrons wanting help with posting may come to the Library for assistance.
- Regarding donations to the Nancy Penney Memorial Fund, the Library has received \$200.00 and the Friends \$125.00. The decision about what to do to honor Nancy's service is still under consideration. Trustees are encouraged to attend the Nancy Penney Memorial Event for our presentation on July 8.
- The Fairbanks Museum Membership is available for Library patrons to check out. A plan to make that happen is in the works.
- Yvonne plans to be gone on July 1 and is finding someone to attend to the Library.

**5. Planning for the Annual Book and Bake Sale on July 22, Yvonne**

- A poster has been made and there is a plan to get the message to the newspaper.
- Yvonne is getting volunteers to help and to be cashiers.

**6. Unsung Hero Volunteer Awards Reconsideration, Steve**

- There was unanimous support for the Library's participation in the program.
- The criteria for nomination were identified loosely as extensive and exceptional service over a lengthy period and a lack of prior recognition and gratitude for said service. Our four nominees are Sue and Lou Kerns and Sandy and Ted Weir.
- Steve is to find out how to complete the nomination process. Nominations are due July 16.

**7. Update on the Quilt Square for the Bicentennial Quilt, Linda**

- Linda gave a thorough and well received presentation on the design of our square which included the fabrics to be used, the font and thread color for the words, and the overall design scheme for the entire Quilt.

**8. Energy Efficiency Update, Yvonne**

- Since we have the grant for \$7,000.00, there was unanimous approval to go ahead with the RFP Insulation Project.

**9. Nominees to serve as another Trustee Alternate**

- Several names were mentioned, but we agreed to wait for Karen's input about her nominee before going forward with other nominees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Teczar, acting Secretary