

Trustee Meeting
10/17/2022

Present: Kathleen Peters, Stephen Freese, Stella Butterfield, Cindy Neily, Barbara Bickel, Patsy Carter, Susan Shinn, Melissa Allen, Josh Macomson, Claude Lemoi, Sharon Duffy, Kayla Monty, Andrew Cushing, Angie Robinson, Nick Lavalley, Derek Herro, Susan Nero, Cheryl Junker, Amy Thurber, Eliece (minor)

Library Renovation Brainstorm by community:

Melissa Allen:

Reading space is limited for story time.
Program space for kids.
Community space.
Satellite classes for Dartmouth or Plymouth State may provide added revenue
NH humanities presentations

Stephen Freese:

We may need to explore heating system. Could be mini-split or full update of building heating system.

Cindy Neily:

Community center is being discussed elsewhere. Can we find out what is desired for that and we can work together.

Private space that could be used for tutoring, Telehealth, zoom interviews, etc., supply closet.

Patsy Carter:

book club space, poetry reading would be nice.

Eliece (minor): Lego building club, kid book clubs, knitting clubs, sewing clubs, educational programs, space for all ages. She does not want more office space.

Sharon Duffy: Yoga classes; having the town offices upstairs may not be useful because the traffic of townspeople is pretty high.

Amy Thurber: Our population is growing and it would be nice to get a little bit of additional book stack space to accommodate that growth. However, our library size is about what is standard for the size of our community.

Kayla Monte: Group space for kid robot club

Josh Macomson: Local artist show space; is there risk management that can be done in order to have a kitchen space (aka water running, stove left on, etc.)

Stella Butterfield: Cribbage games, or game night; birthday parties

Derek Herro: We would like to have the space as modular as possible.

Susan Nero: music space

Next Steps towards possible renovation:

- : - bring ideas to the selectmen
- start to work up a plan in order to get quotes and estimates
- Looking into getting a lift and separate entrance.
- we are not looking into getting the level of historical status that will restrict the use of the building
- Accessibility to the library can be improved.

Historical Status: Andrew is sending the documentation into the state. There are different levels of status. Some status levels have stewardship requirements. Andrew is getting some recommendations for engineers/architectures.

Minutes: Minutes were approved from September. All approved

Treasurer's Report: All approved for the report that Gloria sent out via email.

Librarian's Report:

Circulation for 2022:
Library materials: 1881
Kanopy: 13 plays
Overdrive: 542
Collection

State library is putting together a digitizing equipment bundle that we will be able to check out at some point to transfer the Old Home Days VHS tapes to a usable and shareable format.

All book sale remainders will be sorted through the Sustainable Shelves service to see if there might be any more money to be made.

Programs:

Book Sale results: \$430.00

Home Delivery Book service that was provided by the Senior Center has been cancelled. Grant funding that allowed them to offer this service to us has finished. I will be meeting with Senior Center coordinator, Liz Houghton to plan other ways we can collaborate.

Christmas in Canaan is happening in person this year. Dec. 10 4-7pm. We have lots of wrapped books in the attic. Amy will be looking into getting a heater.

Events:

Donor appreciation: can be done in the spring in May.

Friends of the Library appreciation: Looking at Jan or Feb.

Policies:

Request to View or Obtain Library Material Procedures: trustees reviewed and there will be an amendment added. It will be voted on at the next meeting.

Friends of the Library: Annual fund is just about ready to send out. The text may be added to the town newsletter and to the library newsletter.

Next meeting: November 21, 2022