

Library Trustee Meeting

September 16, 2024

Canaan Meetinghouse

Present: Cheryl Junker (2026), Nick Lavalley (2026), Kathleen Peters (2025), Cindy Niely (Friends of the Library), Nan Stone (Alternate), Angie Robinson (2027), Derek Herro (2027), Amy Thurber (Librarian), Sherri Withington (Mascoma Bank)

Minutes from last meeting: all approved

Treasurer's Report:

Report as submitted, all approved.

Cheryl spoke with Sherry to clarify what we can move the CD into – best bet is a 5 month CD with 4.75% interest. We would like to lock it in by end of month to get maximum interest.

Amy spoke with Cariann to clarify expenditures in supply line. E.g. A hardware store bill was in our account without an explanation of what it was for. Amy learned from Cariann it was for a smoke detector. Is that in the library? Elsewhere in the building?

It's hard to understand how the new budgeting will work: e.g. Amy has reached out to Chet b/c hot water heater is out, ? to KeriAnn will things like that be accounted to our account without our knowing what it costs and where the bill should go. If so it will look as though we've overspent. In other words: how do we get ahead of what things cost before they appear on our printouts. Lift door was a replacement door last time and is rotting out where hinges are.

Cheryl recommends we accept the gift of stock discussed at last month's meeting as stock. Mascoma Bank can manage the stock for us, fees will need to be ascertained.

Sadie suggests clarifying the town's investment policy with Cariann.

Librarian's Report:

Booksale is Sept 28. High school kids can't help this time because it's Homecoming Weekend. Possibility of CMS students is being pursued. Set up is at 8 am. Break down is 12:45-1:15. Need for help with sales and keeping things tidy during the day. We are asking people not to bring dusty, moldy books that can only be recycled. Trustees help will be welcome.

Scheduled to present to Budget Committee on Oct. 7 at 7 pm. We bring in our vital stats, walk Budget Committee through usage – Questions usually focus on numbers, physical books v. e-books. Amy shared 2024 actual and 2025 proposed budget comparison.

Time to send our request letter to Brundage Fnd and a reminder about annual contribution to Dorchester.

Garden project is going great guns. We will have fall and winter veg as well as summer's bounty. The biology teacher at the HS is delighted to take our extra towers and will bring lab students to help with planting in the spring. Gift aligns with stated purpose for the grant: community education

Various lightbulbs need replacement. Adam McAllister, electrician at CMS will advise on getting brighter lights than we currently have. [someone else – Barry?] will install.

Amy will be meeting with the National Honor Society members, which meets at 7:30 am, to discuss what Library can do to create exciting prospects for their age group.

Computer Systems:

The town is changing over from Twin Bridges to Lakes Region Computer Services. The library is evaluating whether we should switch over to match the town. Amy will be getting a quote from Lakes Region Computers and she will include a quote from Twin Bridge.

Friends of the Library:

Annual Fund: draft is being formulated. Real Estate List is going to give them a list of new town residents. A QR code is being added to the letter, for donations.

Christmas In Canaan: \$750 is being donated for books to give to kids.

Pop up Pesto session: Looking for someone to teach a pesto class with donated basil and garlic from Elwin and Cindy Neily.

Calendar Items: Book Sale on the 28th

Trustee Appreciation Brunch at the Meeting House on the 5th

Sadie Wells: She will not be at the next meeting.

Just FYI: Flu Shots

Oct 12 4-7 at the Enfield Community Building

Oct 30 4-7 at the Health Center

Open Non-Public Session: began

Closed Non-PublicSession: ended

Open session adjourned.

Next Meeting: Oct. 21 in the Canaan Town Meetinghouse @5:45