

12July21

Gorham Public Library Trustee Meeting

6:30pm at the Gorham Public Library

Trustees present:

Nicole Eastman, Melissa Laplante

Others present: Director, Shannon Buteau

Call to order and review of minutes:

6:36pm a call to order was made by Nicole. Nicole a motion to accept the minutes from June 2021. All were in favor and minutes were approved.

Budget:

Sixty seven percent of budgeted funds remained at the time of the meeting, though employee benefits have not yet been deducted at this time, Shannon suspects this occur soon. Shannon has requested that the library's phone bill be singled out and itemized to gain a better understanding of the billing. Shannon discussed the possibility of Panic Buttons being installed in the Library. Present board members and Shannon all agreed that this is a good idea. Details to come. The balance in the Murphy fund is \$81738.58.

Director's Report:

The library has received the ARPA grant funds as expected. The funds will go to a new sound system and early learning kits. The Library is partnering with WMCC and the Berlin Public Library to be apart of the NH Toy Library. The NH Toy Library has written a grant and the GPL will be the submitting party of the grant for Tillotson funds.

Programming:

The Summer Reading program had a success full kickoff. Sixty-three people attended the outdoor event. The park program on Fridays has been successful. The Community Read program in the fall, a collaboration with the WMCC Library, Randolph PL, and Berlin PL, is in full swing. A book group will meet 4 August to discuss *The Last Traverse* as well as the Larry Davis Photography Presentation on August 11 and a painting event with Ben Murphy TBA date in September.

Some members of the public have expressed frustration regarding the mask-wearing. The board supports Library staff and recognizes the challenge of enforcing the mask requirement.

Next Meeting:

August 2 6:30pm

Nicole called the meeting to a close at 7:04pm