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Gorham Public Library Trustee Meeting 6pm at the Gorham Public Library

Trustees present:

Paul Bousquet, Melissa Laplante

Others present: Director, Shannon Buteau

Call to order and review of minutes:

6:06pm a call to order was made by Paul. Approval of minutes form July21 was postponed to next meeting.

Budget:

Forty seven percent of budgeted funds remained at the time of the meeting. Fewer on call hours have been used this year due to busy schedules, though upcoming vacations may impact that. No concerns were expressed.

Director’s Report:

ARPA grant funds have been received as expected. The funds will go to a new sound systema and early learning kits. Grant money must be spent by August 16th; Shannon is on track to spend the funding by the deadline. 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. The grant application has been submitted. Boiler bids should go out starting in the Fall. Paul has offered to seek out/provide guidance on the bidding process. The LED Rebate offer is expected to change. Details to come. Salve Regina is interested in acquiring deaccessioned childrens’ books from GPL.

Policy:

The sick policy was discussed, and wording will be worked on. Trustees and Shannon will share updates via email. No final decisions were made.

Programming:

The Summer Reading program has been a success; kids are reading, the events have gone smoothly. Shannon will tweak the program next year for even smoother operation. 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. A community read is in the planning stages for Fall 2022.

Next Meeting:

September 13, 6:30pm

Paul called the meeting to a close at 6:46pm