14 Mar 2022

Gorham Public Library

Trustee Meeting

6:30pm

at the Gorham Public Library

Trustees present: Melissa Laplante, Victoria Hill, Nicole Eastman

Others present: Director, Shannon Buteau

Call to Order and Review of Minutes:

6:40pm a call to order was made. Approval of minutes from last month’s minutes was made by Victoria and approved by all.

Welcome Victoria Hill. Nicole nominated Victoria for the position of treasurer, all approved.

All other trustee positions remain the same.

Budget:

* 85% of the 2022 budget funding remains as of 14Mar22
* The 2022 Budget will be adjusted to reflect the cost of living increase for all town employees
* Upcoming spending will be materials for the summer reading program, as is the trend this time of year
* Victoria Hill in her recently appointed position of treasurer will be signing the checking account monthly bank statement, as was the custom pre-COVID.

Director’s Report:

* This year’s Summer Reading Program theme is Oceans of Possibilities
* Nicole Palmieri has been hired for the Summer Recreation Program; a collaboration between the recreation Program and the Library is already in the works
* Spring Series: Healthy You in 2022, a collaboration with the WMCC Library, Berlin PL, and Randolph PL. Upcoming programs with the Androscoggin Valley Food Co-Op in April and Chef Travis Giles of WMCC in May.
* A Fall Community Read has been planned for *Hour of the Witch* by Chris Bohalijan with local libraries.
* Ken Gordon of Coos Family Health has reached out regarding a family-friendly community read during the winter.
* April 16th the Library will be participating in the Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny will be in the town gazebo. Rain or shine.
* The GPL Art Program will be ending April 2nd, one week early.
* Will O’Brian has planned the Geology Club on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for children the same ages as the art program. Details TBA.
* The GPL Geography Club is well under way.
* Shannon would like to find an in-person presenter for a program about Ukraine.

Policy:

* Discussed Library Trustee Alternates.
* Vacation time. Nicole made a motion to approve the rollover of unused sick and vacation time from 2021 to 2022 for library employees. All approved.
* Mandated masking was discussed. All other town facilities post that masks are appreciated. Shannon requested that the same go for the library.

Nicole made a motion that the GPL no longer require masks to enter the building and may be worn at the user’s discretion. Effective Immediately. All approved.

* Nicole made a motion to end book quarantining. All approved.
* The next meeting the trustees will focus on the library’s 5-year plan.

Upcoming Meetings and Closing:

* Next GPL Trustee meeting will be 11 April 2022, 6:30pm.
* At 8:02 pm the meeting was called.