Monday January 3, 2022

Gorham Public Library Trustee Meeting

6:30 pm at the Gorham Public Library

Trustees present: Nicole Eastman and Alternate: Victoria Hill

Others present: Director, Shannon Buteau

Call to order and review of minutes: 6:38 pm a call to order was made by Nicole and seconded by Victoria.

 Approval of minutes from Dec 6 was postponed to next meeting.

Appointment:  Nicole appointed Victoria to a voting member for this meeting only.

Budget: it is up to date except for the benefits line.  2022 Budget is prepared and to be presented to the Budget Committee on Thursday.

Director’s Update:

Policy: Nicole made a motion which was seconded by Victoria to approve COLA  4.5 for the staff.  Approved.

Nicole made a motion which was seconded by Victoria to carry over one sick day and unused vacation timefrom 2021 to 2022  for Katelyn Sirios.

Programming: The Kid’s Art classes have started. These weekly classes are taught by volunteer Will O’Brien.  Kateyn is starting a geography program for upper elementary age students.  Nicole is planning on hosting a geography bee at the GMHS is there is enough interest.  Shannon is using the Tillotson grant to fund a music therapy webinar for parents and caretakers.  This is being offered on February 14th by Miss Julianne. In addition there will be a performance by Miss Julianne on Saturday, February 19th.  Shannon is hesitant to restart Story Hour due to the recent surge in Covid cases in the area.  Early Childhood students from the college will be creating a binder with activities and  items from NH toy library will be available for patrons starting in May 2022.

Furnace:  Shannon reports that the furnace is scheduled to be installed in the spring by Kevin Rynes from KR Heating.

Goals for 2022 and GPL Vision Statement will be tabled until the February meeting when more trustees will be available for input.

Next Meeting: February 7 2022, 6:30pm at the library

Adjournment: Nicole called the meeting to a close at 7:16 pm

Victoria Hill

GPL Trustee/Alternate

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