

Worthen Library

Monthly Meeting – Board of Trustees

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Attending:

Board members: Ken Kowalewitz, Kristen Bartle, Liz Wirsing, Luke Tremble

Absent: Natalie Kendrach

Library Director: Keagan Calkins

Members of the public: None

Call to order @ 6:04 PM

Preliminary Business

- **Review payment orders for approval:** Summary of Bills circulated to the board for review.
- **Agenda adjustments:** Ken Kowalewitz (KK) asks if there are any adjustments to the agenda. None
- **Public Comment:** None
- **Review and accept the minutes from the previous monthly meeting:** The minutes from the June 13, 2023, meeting were brought for approval. LW motioned that the minutes be accepted. LT seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- Sign Library Director's contract

Library Director's Report: Report submitted by Keagan Calkins (KC), reviewed by Board.

- Friends of the Library raised over \$3,000 from the book sale, crushing last year's total of \$2,362.42 in just three days of the book sale. Thank you to the best Friends Group in Vermont! And thanks also to the students who helped out.
- Hosted the first truly interactive laser cutter program and it's been a learning curve!
- Arlo's backpacks are ready for their debut. Eden Pratt generously volunteered to make hooks for the backpacks. They will be displayed on the wall by the stairs in the kid's section.
- We have new LEGOs for in-library use only. We will save kids progress if they start a project.
- Storytime has had great attendance recently with 10 to 15 kids in attendance.

Statistics: Audio and eBook stats are way up over 2022. Other statistics are more or less level.

Old & Ongoing Business

Worthen Society Celebration: A reminder email went out and people are responding. Trustees will greet people. There won't be speeches, just mingling. And there will be a movie for kids downstairs.

Solar Project Next Steps: The grant for the solar panels will come from the Department of Energy. They are helping us work through the application process, which is not easy. In addition to completing the application, we need to decide who to hire to do the work.

Development Committee Report: The annual spring appeal letter focused on the solar campaign. Total raised to date for Solar Campaign, \$57,032.50 of which \$47,000 is from special grants from donor advised funds.

The Committee has been planning the Worthen Society Event for Saturday, July 15.

A letter of interest was sent to the VCF for a mural on the side of the Library. The request has made it past the first hurdle and a full request is in development. The Folsom Art teacher is a lead on this project, which will involve community participation.

Summer Maintenance: We've started on a couple of things and need to follow up on painting the railing. The mini splits are leaking again so they will also be added to the list.

New Business

Year End Budget Review: Income includes foundation disbursements, grants, and smaller amounts from payments for printing, lost books, etc. The main portion of the income comes from tax dollars from the Town. Expenses came in under budget, with 85% of the budget spent. This year end budget will form the basis for next fiscal year's budget.

Other business:

Next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 12, 2023**. There will be no meeting in August.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.