

Rice Public Library
Board of Directors' Meeting: Archive Copy
October 4, 2016

Present: Dudley Bierau, Rachel Dennis, George Dow, Doug Greene, Dave Harris, Lee Perkins and Bill Tredwell

Guests: Dianne Fallon, Jenny Kelley, D. Allan Kerr

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Rachel Dennis.

Public comment:

- D. Allan Kerr asked about the last workshop, where they had discussed having a library committee with 3 board members and 3 town council members.
- He asked where the board stands on the issue of becoming a town department. Rachel advised that the board needs to know what the pros and cons to the staff would be, as well as all of the financial details. The board is still trying to make a determination.
- He asked what the board's plan is for fundraising for the new library. The board advised that it will explore bonding options and the sale of the two current library buildings. How much public funding the new library needs depends on how much town funding the new library receives.

D. Allan Kerr leaves at 7:05.

Jenny Kelley's presentation (Youth Services' Librarian):

- The library had 130 programs last year with 9,930 attendees. Attendance is up 16% up from last year and up 45% from two years ago.
- Some of the programs include: Movie Night, Block Party, Teddy Bear Sleepover, the Star Wars Fair (which about 350 people attended), a laser show at Star Theatre and African dance and drumming. At Kittery estates she organizes intergenerational events and crafting.
- Summer reading program had 563 total participants. When she started in 2005, there were about 100 kids participating. There were 3,790 hours of reading logged and 379 books given away for summer reading program this year.
- Sierra statistics for Junior and Young Adult circulation: 7,979 circs. over three summer months. Quarterly rest of year: 5,946, up 26%.

- Grants: The library received grants from Traip for \$3,000, Thaxter for \$2500, the Kittery Block Party Committee for \$1500, Friends for \$2,000, and over \$5,000 from Fabulous Find.
- Additionally Jenny works the circulation desk with Katy, while shelving and maintaining the Taylor building. She also makes time for community involvement and to promote the library. Jenny also visits several Kittery daycares.

Director's Report:

- The report has been emailed to the board but was not reviewed at this meeting.

New Library:

- A citizen created a draft for an online petition called Voice Your Opinion. This petition will ask a few questions about the new library. There will be a table on voting day for voters to fill out the petition. There will be some kind of sticker or postcard encouraging people to go to the website and fill out the petition.
- Voting shifts: Bill 8-10, Doug 10-12, Rachel 12-2, Bill 2-4 and Dave 6-8. Greta and Lee will be there as well.

Ongoing Business:

- Library Director's annual evaluation was presented to the board.

The next board meeting will be held on October 18, 2016.

The meeting ended at 8:00 pm.

Board minutes recorded by: