

Richmond Free Public Library
Library Trustees' Meeting
April 5th, 2018 5:00 pm

Call to order: 5:45 pm

Attendance: Nanci McConnell, Lisa Donfried, Candy Mountain, Kristin Smith, Kathryn Wilson

Approval of March's minutes: approved

Correspondence – none

Municipal Committee – Kathryn reported that the most recent Municipal Building Committee meeting discussion included getting an article about the groups progress into the Richmond Record and the Berkshire Eagle. The group is also sending a letter outlining their progress to the Richmond Selectmen to wrap up the committee's duties and hopefully reform into an expanded committee with planning/construction and fundraising responsibilities. There has been no announcement yet about the next round of state library building grant applications, but we are estimating a 2020 application due date.

Director's Report: -

Strategic Plan update: Kristin recapped the last meeting of the Strategic Planning group for the library. Candy summarized the survey results from the paper copies of the library's survey. Electronic (Survey Monkey) results will be added to the summary soon. Kristin is working on the goals and objectives and action points for us to use in the Long Term Plan. They will be reviewed at the next Trustees' meeting. The Long Term Plan will be written by Sept 1st so for trustee approval and submission to the state by the Oct 2018 deadline

Lively World event – Amy Bass, April 7th 11:00 am. Discussion of publicity for this event.

Old Business: St. Patrick's Day recap: 28 people attended. Great program.

New Business –

Historical room status: The Historical room is "coming along". Candy is waiting for warmer weather to finish work on the room.

Showcasing local artists in the library: Nanci suggested inviting artists who may be interested.

Backpacks for "Library in the Wilderness" program thru BNRC. Backpacks and materials are being donated. Backpacks will be available for patrons to check out for day hikes. Other area libraries are participating in this program too.

Friends Report: Candy reported that she had discussed fundraising for new library building with the Friends board. They were reluctant to take it on themselves (too few members, inexperience in fundraising were concerns) but are in support of the fundraising project and would provide volunteers to help.

Adjourned: 6:18 pm

Next Meetings: June 14, 2018; no scheduled meeting in July 2018; August 9, 2018

Minutes submitted by K. Wilson