

Trustee Meeting, Wednesday, June 25, 2014

Roll Call

Present: Bill Scala, Mary Vidro and Arthur Vidro. Also present Library Director Michael Grace and Secretary Marta Smith.

Secretary's Report

The report was read and Bill Scala made the motion to accept it as read, seconded by Mary Vidro and passed.

Treasurer's Report

No report as a new treasurer needs to be appointed.

Old Business

The board needs to appoint a new treasurer to fill in until the next election, also needed are a vice-chair and possibly a new chairman.

Bill Scala made the motion that Arthur Vidro take over as treasurer until the next election, seconded by Mary Vidro and passed.

Bill Scala asked about the status of the new computer and furniture for the children's room and Michael Grace said that we are still looking into the computer set up, but that there is money in the regular budget for replacing the furniture.

New Business

The digitization project is finished and Michael Grace showed it to everyone. The bill for the project needs to be paid and since the new treasurer needs to be approved for writing checks Michael Grace proposed that the Friends of the Library write a check for the bill and that the trustees reimburse them when the new treasurer is on board. Everyone agreed.

To make it easier on the chair person and less time consuming Michael Grace recommended possibly scheduling less meetings throughout the year. Possibly less during the summer or not in December-he asked the board to think about it and decide what they wanted to do. He also said that he would take over creating the agenda and if anyone had something they wanted to put on the agenda they could let him know before the meeting.

Director's Report

Circulation in May was very close to average for the month with patrons checking out 8,515 items. Just over 6,100 people visited the library during the month, an average of 247 per day. Patrons used 825 computer sessions for a total of 592 hours of computer in May. 129 items were loaned to other libraries through interlibrary loan and 172 new items were added to the collection. Patrons downloaded 189 audio books and 148 e-books from our downloadable books service.

42 children attended story hour and activity times in the children's room in May. 50 children turned out for a Mother's Day craft program, making cards and decorating flower pots. Registration for the Children's Summer Reading Program "Fizz, Boom, Read" will begin on June 25th. This summer's program will have a science theme. On Friday, June 27th Steve Blunt will kick off the summer with music, dancing and stories.

The library's celebration of Claremont's 250th anniversary continued in May with a program given by Sarah Henrich, Executive Director of the Sullivan Museum at Norwich University. Ms. Henrich explored the many connections between Claremont and Norwich University while giving insight into the cultural and intellectual landscape of early Claremont. Prominent Claremonters profiled included Ann Swasey, Reverend Josiah Swett, Colonel Charles H. Long, William Tutherly, and Dr. Clarence Tolles.

The library also hosted a performance of Celtic and American Folk music by *Two Old Friends* Jim Prendergast and Emery Hutchins.

More programs on tap for June include *The Connecticut: New England's Great River* presented by Hanover Conservancy Director Adair Mulligan on the 9th, a book signing by Suzanne Strempek Shea on the 16th, and *An Armchair Motor Tour of Claremont*, presented by Michael Grace and Colin Sanborn on the 23rd. *An Armchair Motor Tour of Claremont* is part of the library's *Making Connections* series.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 16th at 6pm.

Bill Scala moved to adjourn, seconded by Arthur Vidro. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.