

Trustee Meeting, Wednesday, April 24, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

### **Roll Call**

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

### **Secretary's Report**

Read, Arthur Vidro moved to accept it as written, seconded by Bill Scala. Accepted.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Presented by Mike Grace who explained the various accounts and what they were used for. Bill Scala asked about the budget, ordering process and where materials were purchased.

Bill Scala moved to accept the report as written, seconded by Arthur Vidro. Accepted.

### **Librarian's Report**

Library usage increased in March despite the continued cold weather. While still below average the 8,912 checkouts in March were the highest for the month since 2011. Computer usage increased with patrons using 1099 computer sessions for a total of 715 hours of computer time during the month. 143 items were loaned to other libraries through interlibrary loan and 349 new items were added to the collection. During the month 43 new patrons signed up for cards. Over 5,500 people visited the library during March for an average of 212 per day.

Children's programs continued in March with pre-school Story Time on Mondays and Toddler Activity Time on Tuesdays. Planning is nearly completed for this year's Summer Reading Program. The theme for this year "Fizz, Boom, Read" and is designed to create an interest in science. Favorite performers Steve Blunt, Simon Brooks, and Rick Goldin will be returning this year along with some new faces.

On March 15<sup>th</sup> the library hosted Marina Forbes who presented an interesting program about Moscow Kremlin. Following her talk, Ms Forbes led a painting workshop using traditional Russian themes. On March 29<sup>th</sup> the library and the Claremont Opera House teamed up to bring the Norwich University Regimental Band and Shock Platoon Drill Team to the Opera House. This program is a part of the library's yearlong series celebrating Claremont's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Coming up in April are two more programs in this series. On April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm Stevens High School graduate and Poet Laureate of Maine Wesley McNair will present his prize winning poetry at the library. On April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, Kristen Coment will present *Constance Fenimore Woolson: Her Life and Writings*. Woolson was born in Claremont in 1840, the granddaughter of one of Claremont's early industrialists and is known as a pioneering 19<sup>th</sup> century writer.

Other programs coming up in April include Plainfield author Viola Lunderville on the 14<sup>th</sup>, Eric Herman's *Cool Tunes for Kids* on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and *An Evening of Poetry: Local Poets* on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business**

We have volunteers for outside gardening. The program paid for by the trustees to put vital records online had a few glitches but is still in the works. Mike Grace is working with the Eagle Times to get the archives online back to 2011.

### **New Business Business**

Pat asked about applying for grants and recommended trying for the Satzo fund, Claremont Savings and the Upper Valley Charitable Trust. One possible project would be refurbishing the Children's Room with new furniture and possibly adding a children's computer station and possibly a parent/child reading chair.

Mary Vidro asked if the steps will be replaced on the Barber Street side of the library. Mike Grace said he is waiting for the DPW to address the matter.

Next Trustee meeting will be on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Arthur Vidro moved to adjourn, seconded by Mary Vidro. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.