

Argyle Free Library

March 13, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Bob Webster, Remus Preda, Jill Hamilton, Martha Johnson, Rick Dennis, Joanne McDowell and Library Director Hannah Stahl.

Minutes of last meeting were approved. Bob motioned, Martha seconded.

Treasure's report. Money came in from the Town. Library was \$700 short on income but expenses were down \$3500. Sills will be started in good weather.

Library Director's report.

a) Final review of library budget letter to the public. Bob will take care of letter after hearing. We will need 1400 copies.

b) Strategic Plan- Firehouse is free if we can give them dates. Remus will get dates from Sara and reach out to committee members. We can work on the list on Podkeeper. We will probably need two meetings. We planned on Saturday mornings for these meetings.

c) Prom Dress Drive-Partnering with teacher, Post Star Interview. (200 likes on FB then picked up by the Journal, then the Post Star.) Prom is at beginning of May. We have 90 dresses plus hand bags, shoes, shawls and corsages.

d) Summer Programs (Possibly using Stewarts and Price Chopper grants)

Adults- TED talks. How to build a better world, sustainability, LGBTQ rights, religions (May- June, Fri and Sat nights 6:30-7:30 pm)

Teens- College Prep, student loans, college essay, how to email a prof

Kids- On your mark get set, incubate- George Steele free range chicken farm. Talks about process of hatching, kids can turn the eggs. Two appearances, talks about process and set up; second appearance does candling.

Highland Herbs planetarium at Presbyterian Church

Kick-off July 7 (kids and teens). Games. Theme: Build a better world.

Heifer International "Read to Feed" with progress thermometer.

e) Seed Library starting in April, sustainable, people return with new seeds. Organic/non-gmo. Need card catalog to hold packages of seeds. Need volunteers to separate seeds into smaller envelopes. Master Gardener will do a presentation.

f) Café- currently 2-3 people are using it a day.

g) Reading group for kids. Reading to dogs a possibility.

h) Big Talks for Small Libraries: DIY digitization.

New/Other business

May 9, 7pm. Budget hearing at firehouse.

April 10 next meeting.

Bills were approved. Martha moved, Remus seconded. Motion carried. There was \$400 in bills including, SALS, the PO box, and magazine subscription.

Debit card was procured for Library Director.

Motion to adjourn: Jill moved, Rick seconded, all approved.