



Whitingham Free Public Library
P.O. Box 500
Jacksonville, VT 05342

Board of Trustees meeting minutes – Approved 3-1-23
February 1, 2023

In attendance: Edie Brigham, Tanya Bernard, Adam Ranslow, Catherine Bell, Kristine Sweeter, Director, and Wendy Sergeant, Trustee Candidate

Public comments: N/A

Librarian's Report:

Programming:

Rhyme Time - on hold for winter, but families that come in on Mon. will have a craft set up by Lisa.

Adult craft group going strong.

March: possible March tea party

Celtic Rogues and Rascals Adult program partnered w/ Pettee Library

Summer reading theme: "All Together Now"

2 weeks of summer Library Camp: First week prek-2nd grade, Second week Grades 3-5.

Funded by VT Afterschool, and partnered with Wings.

June 3 plant swap: Need donations of plants and seeds from local nurseries

Grants: Rural Libraries grant provided for 3 Activity backpacks that parents can check out, they include a Construction pack, an Ocean Animals pack and a Forest Animals/Tracking pack.

Fund raising: Sap Bucket Cover Auction....All covers have been picked up

Annual Appeal now over \$11,000...exceeding goal

Maple Breakfast April 1...Menu: Pancakes, Sausages, fruit, Coffee, Juice/milk

Edie will ask the snowmobile club about their breakfast to figure out what we may need for ours.

Discussion about the need for security for Library and Municipal Building

Discussion about expanding Library and need for sprinkler system

Adam moves to adjourn, Tanya seconds

Meeting Adjourns 7:00

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bell

Director's Report
Kristine Sweeter
February 1, 2023

- ❖ Programming:
 - Rhyme time Mondays - **on hold**
 - Adult Craft Group 3rd Thursday
 - Monday Yoga class 6 pm
 - EES Playgroup Wednesdays 10:30 am
 - Homeschool Group Thursdays
 - Book Group 2nd Wednesday
- ❖ Specials:
 - Valentine Tea Party, Saturday 2/11
 - Nature Reading Series w/museum & libraries 2/25
 - St. Patrick / Spring Tea Party ??
 - Celtic Rogues & Rascals 3/19
 - Nature Reading Series w/museums & libraries 3/25
 - *considering a Spring Nature Reading Series
 - Annual Plant Swap – June 3rd 9-2
 - Organic Gardening for Everyone or Welcoming Pollinators 10 am? \$400
 - Summer Reading:
 - “All Together Now!” Summer Camp 6/19 – 6/30
 - Tent - Blueberry Festival Friday July 27th
- ❖ Grants:
 - *Clif mini-grant \$250 – Completed - **Family STEAM Backpacks in process**
 - *VT Afterschool: **Awarded \$12,803.48 (library camp 6/19 – 6/23 & 6/26 – 6/30)**
 - grant webinar Friday 2/3
 - *VT Lib Summer Performer Grant \$300 - **opens Feb 15th**
 - grant webinar 2/23
- ❖ Fundraising:
 - Sap Bucket Silent Auction March 1st – April 1st
 - Pancake Breakfast Saturday April 1st
 - 2022-2023 Annual Appeal – \$5,820
 - 50/50 Raffle - \$193
 - Total YTD - \$7553
 - Goal: \$8525
- ❖ Account balance: \$35,420
 - 2022-23 fundraising: \$11,129 (\$9,655.00 appeal)
 - (cost of appeal approx. \$750-\$800)
 - Goal: \$8,525.00
- ❖ Annual State Report – not available yet
 - attended report webinar 1/27