

**Moretown Memorial Library
Board of Directors Meeting
May 8, 2014
APPROVED**

Present: Lisa Samsom, Meg Allison, Jennifer Tripp Mead, Karen Sharpwolf (recording), Laure Murphy

7:18 p.m.

Public Comment

“Books are awesome!” from Sophia Sharp

Secretary’s Report

Minutes from the March 2014 meeting approved.

Treasurer’s Report

The only budget concern is the propane. The prices have gone up substantially. Jennifer is going to research if our usage has gone up or just the price.

Lisa said that this time of year is one of the more expensive. We order DCF books and Lisa works more hours. It then levels off later in the year.

We are receiving a \$50 grant for postage.

Treasurer’s report approved.

Librarian’s Report

Lisa received the Gale database information and circulation is up substantially. (In addition, a lot of children came to the library to visit the bunnies!). Programs have been well attended though the space is small and preparing for them takes a lot of staff time. The Writers’ Workshop has been popular. They are going to use the upstairs meeting space for the next workshop.

The Board discussed making a plan for computer replacements over the next 10 years. Lisa had success fixing one computer.

Lisa has been training more volunteers.

The Board discussed what to do if class visit books are lost. Lisa will draft language reminding families of previous books taken out that are lost or overdue. Lisa and Meg will sort out more details about how to coordinate MES and Moretown Memorial Library visits. It was agreed to have K-3 visit in the fall and 4-6 in the spring (to focus on DCF)

Librarian's report approved.

New Business

The VT Libraries Buildings Day Workshop was attended by Jennifer and Lisa. The Keynote speaker discussed ways to make your library more welcoming. Some of the ideas are: replace the inside door with ½ glass, putting in carpet tiles, move the donation books, new mat, display, and get some wire shelves for the basement to store things on. Lisa and Jennifer priced some things out.

The VDL suggested weeding out books that haven't been checked out in 2-5 years. We have many! Lisa and Pat have taken a lot of old books off the shelves and now we will have space for more books face forward.

Laure is willing to take the lead on the improvement project (pricing, paint colors) and then we will schedule a work day for August.

Karen moved that up to \$1,000 from the DiYeso donation is used toward building improvements. Seconded by Jennifer. Passed.

Trustee positions.

The Board of Trustees has submitted a letter to the Selectboard asking that Laure Murphy take over the remainder of Sarah Nussbaum's term.

Jennifer asked if we can amend our bylaws to include a statement of the expectations of how many meetings a person can miss and remain a board member.

Old Business

None

8:45 Adjourn

The next meeting will be on July 10, 2014.