

Mary L. Blood Library Trustees' Meeting
August 17, 2017

Present: Trustees Tom Kenyon, Mary Anne Boyce, Edson Pierce, Richard Beatty;
Librarian Mary Jane Wentworth

Excused: Chris Wagner

Meeting commenced at 4:03 pm.

Minutes of June and July were corrected by the deletion of Hartland as a user of the Catamount System in their library. Minutes of July 20, 2017, were considered and accepted.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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Mary Anne Boyce has been researching what equipment we will need, and the projected budget, when we begin the Catamount Koha program. I have submitted two requests for an application to Catamount and so far have not received a reply.

VALS has changed to a new ILL system (CLOVER). This is a huge undertaking. It will keep track of everything and will send and receive the requests on our behalf. Email will no longer be required for sending/receiving requests. The process will be to log in to request and to see who is requesting from us. There will be training.

We have received two monetary donations to the library, one for \$100 and another for \$75.

Larry Muhlberg shared information about an ebook entitled "The Thirteen-Star American Flag" written by his friend, Henry Moeller, a flag scholar with a long-standing interest in the origin and symbolism of American thirteen-star flags.

We have received a save the date email about the 2017 Annual Trustees and Friends Conference on November 4, 2017 at Champlain College in Burlington, VT. This is sponsored by the Vermont Department of Libraries and the Vermont Library Association.

Work on the new ADA bathroom is progressing. There is a beautiful new door, and the toilet, lavatory and mirror are here, waiting to be installed.

Katrina Hill has been in the library organizing the books left over from the book sale. She also did an outstanding cleaning job.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jane Wentworth
Librarian

Old Business:

(1) Tom noted Corrections has been here and their work on the rest room is nearly complete. (2) Tom again stated that Dave Silvester, A & T Plumbing will be here soon. Brian the plumber is to be here this next Tuesday. The furnace duct work servicing the restroom will be done by Brian at the same time. Dave Silvester will do the shelving by the cellar hatch soon. This will give storage for extra books, the fans, supplies, etc. The library's restroom project should be completed by our September meeting. Tom noted we received an invoice from Corrections for all the work on the Library and the work at the fire station totaling \$1250. The Library Trustees decided and approved to pay the bill in full and, since the bill was not broken down as to whom pays what part, then the library will pay the total. The WWVFD expense was absorbed by the library. (3) No additional word from Chris on the fundraising letter. It was stated the letter has been changed to reflect changes in perhaps using the Catamount system for management automation of books. (4) Tom did not have a detailed update on the library's financials but noted the check book has around \$1500 and we have not yet needed to draw on funds approved at Town Meeting: \$15,200. (5) Board discussed again the proposed "Automation of our books" and the Librarian and Trustee Mary-Anne Boyce will continue their investigation and reported the Catamount was still their recommendation. They presented a letter dated July 20, which presented their Report and Proposal in detail. The Board approved related software and equipment expenses when it was thought it was time to proceed. (6) Board is well pleased with the Old Home Day celebration. We will participate in 2018. Some minor improvements were suggested. (7) Discussed options of our gleaning our unwanted books. (8) Trustees approved the work on the donated flag pole which is going next the Blood Monument being done by Dave Silvester because the Corrections Facility is closing soon.

New Business:

(1) Board discussed at length a 2018 summer reading program at the library. Will discuss further at our next meeting to find out how we could run such a program.
(2) Next meeting is Thursday, September 21 at 4:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:02

Tom Kenyon, Secretary