

Mary L. Blood Library Trustees' Meeting
June 16, 2017

Present: Trustees: Tom Kenyon, Mary Anne Boyce, Edson Pierce, and Librarian Mary Jane Wentworth.

Excused: Richard Beatty, Chris Wagner

Meeting commenced at 4:07 pm.

Minutes of May 18, 2017, were considered and accepted.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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Activity has been average during this past month. I received a reply from Tom McMurdo, Collections & Digital Initiatives Librarian at the VT Dept. of Libraries. This was in regard to our interest in automation. He suggested an alternative to VERSO called TinyCat which is less expensive and might be a better fit for our library. He also highlighted some aspects of the automation process. Mary Ann looked at the TinyCat system and suggested we ask Mr. McMurdo whether we would have access to the other ILS systems that will be part of the Statewide system once we automate our collection and also what other libraries in Vermont are currently using this system. So far I haven't heard back from Mr. McMurdo.

We have received several book donations from Magaret Garrand, Jan Schreibman and Carol Morgan and Jane Stillson. We will be sorting books from now on for the July 4th Book Sale.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jane Wentworth

Old Business:

(1) Tom again noted Corrections will be here on July 10. Tom still thought this would work out ok. It does mean no plumbing until after that date but it also means the library will be ok for Old Home Day (2) Tom again stated the Rest Room project is still set to commence after July 10 with Corrections along with Dave Silvester, A & T Plumbing. (3) No additional word from Chris on the fundraising letter. (4) Tom did not have an update on the library's financials because the librarian is on vacation but no great change since the last report. (5) Board discussed again the proposed "Automation of our books" and the Librarian and Trustee Mary-Anne Boyce will continue their investigation and come back with a recommendation. They did think the Catamount system was preferred even though it cost around \$2500 but it is used in the Reading, Hartland, and Springfield libraries. (6) Board was updated (All is well) on the Book Sale on July 4 as part of Old Home Day celebration. The book sale would be held outside the library from around 9:00 a.m. until after the parade. Volunteers to assist. Board still did not decide if we will have lemonade at the Old Home Day book sale. Tom noted the music wagon will be on the lawn south of the library as planned. (7) Tom noted "Old Home Day" is exempt from a public gathering permit and fees.

(8) Trustees still with the donated flag pole going next the Blood Monument. Corrections will install.

(2) It was noted the crosswalk sign still blocks the view to the north for people going down the library ramp. Tom noted he had informed the highway foreman the sign should be moved closer to crosswalk.

New Business:

(1) Next meeting is July 20.

Meeting adjourned at 4:438.

Tom Kenyon, Secretary