

Mary L. Blood Library Trustees' Meeting  
MAY 18, 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 April 20, 2017, were considered and accepted.

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

May 18, 2017

We now have our second magazine rack. Thank you Dick Beatty and Edson Pierce!

Thanks also to Mary Anne for help in setting it up!

On Friday, May 5, Mary Anne and I visited the Hartland Library. Nancy, the librarian, and her assistant were very generous with their time. They belong to the VOKAL KOHA consortium. VOKAL depends on volunteers. They demonstrated the process of scanning the books, circulation history, overdue notices, and receipt printouts. Since they are automated they can use the courier system.

On the following Friday, May 12, we visited the Springfield Public Library. They use the Catamount KOHA system. Librarian Amy Howlett was very helpful as were her two assistants. They demonstrated their system, basically the same as Hartland's. Catamount requires they attend meetings every quarter and are required to attend the annual meeting in the fall.

I emailed and called Tom McMurdo, Collections & Digital Initiatives Librarian at the Vermont Department of Libraries regarding his memo about the Autographic VERSO system which some libraries are joining. A grant for \$3050 which will cover migration costs of \$2400 and the first years' fee of \$650 is being offered on a first come first served basis. This system is open to other public libraries that wish to join but they will be responsible for the fees themselves. In view of this, Amy Howlett suggested we wait three months before we make any decision on a system. Autographics is replacing Library World. I haven't heard from Mr. McMurdo yet.

We will continue to review the systems used by other local libraries and plan to make a recommendation to the trustees at the June meeting. Thank you letters have been sent to Hartland and Springfield libraries.

We received two State Park Passes for summer 2017. One is for VT State Parks and the other is for Vermont Historic Sites. The 2017 pass programs begin in May when parks and historic sites open and end when they close for the season.

Betty French, chairman of the Brownsville Beautification Committee, stopped by last week to say they would like to put a flower barrel by the library. I was asked to buy the potting soil and flowers and to take care of it. If this is permissible with the trustees, I would be happy to do this.

On Thursday, May 25, the Trust for Public Land committee members will meet here at the library from 10 am – 1 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Wentworth, Librarian

Old Business:

(1) Tom noted Corrections will be here on July 10. Tom 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 word from Chris on the fundraising letter. (4) Tom did not have an update on the library's financials 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. (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.

New Business:

(1) Trustees decided the donated flag pole will go next to the Blood Monument. Will Corrections install?

(2) It was noted the crosswalk sign blocks the view to the north for people going down the library ramp. Tom will see if the sign could be moved closer to the crosswalk and perhaps under the apple tree.

(3) Next meeting is June 15.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38.

Tom Kenyon, Secretary