**Allenstown Public Library**

**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**59 Main Street**

**Allenstown, NH 03275**

**August 16, 2022**

The August 16th meeting of the Allenstown Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:04 pm by Jeff Venegas and was seconded by Kathleen Pelissier

**Present:** Kathleen Pelissier, Betsi Randlett, Jeff Venegas and Amanda Seibel

**Absent:** JoAnne Dufort

**Items:**

* Minutes of the July meeting were reviewed. No issues. Kathleen motioned acceptance and Jeff Seconded
* Bathroom painting and possible exterior painting via Brad- Mandy update- Brad doesn’t have an issue with the exterior paint depending on how much there is. He is usually in Allenstown Tuesdays. Can stop by any Tuesday he is in town. Brad is willing to do this and will stop by on a Tuesday.
* Summer reading is over now- Very happy with turnout and results! 86 people came to the whalemobile which was awesome. A few scheduling issues on the school’s end but it all worked out. Moved to ARD due to items being in the gym that allowed the whale not to fit. Largest amount of people we have had at an event. Betsi will post some pictures on the website and an end of summer post. 262 people in total attended summer reading events and 178 crafts were taken. Next year we have to bump up the crafts since they were gone early in the week. Do have people from Pembroke attend but mostly Allenstown residents. Jeff asked where this stood into other years, Betsi can look back to reports to see YOY rates
* Betsi has emailed CRTC program in Concord and asked about having a logo designed and she is waiting to hear back.
* Made $14.00 with the Shaw’s Give back where it counts bag promotion. Can we do any more promotion next year?
* The Hippo newspaper will be returning to the library after a stop due to Covid.
* Outside sign is in rough shape. Betsi has put out quotes and is in communication with about 5 different companies. Would like to start at $2,000 installed. Betsi thinks we have room in the budget for this. Can we get quotes for electronic sign as well? Will definitely raise the electric bill. Could set a timer and may need permit. A strip that scrolls a message would be what we want a quote for. Could we get a grant? Betsi can look but is having trouble finding improvement grants. We could look at a carved bear sign to match the other town signs. Did get some samples from Stone Signs and Designs and has some responses and is waiting or more.
* Betsi it is taking a vacation in September 18-24th.
* Donations question from Mandy- What is the best place for people to reach out about donations? Mandy had someone reach out her personally and drop off at her house. Usually case by case- have a donation policy online- have to be newer and in good condition- direct them to the bin as well.
* Can we get a sign, so people know there are more books downstairs?

The next library meeting was scheduled for **Tuesday, September 27th** at @ 5:00 PM at Allenstown Public Library.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:56 pm. Jeff motioned, and Kathleen seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Seibel