**Allenstown Public Library**

**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**59 Main Street**

**Allenstown, NH 03275**

**September 27, 2022**

The September 27th meeting of the Allenstown Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:04 pm by Amanda Seibel and was seconded by Kathleen Pelissier

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

**Absent:** JoAnne Dufort and Jeff Venegas

**Items:**

* Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. Two typos on names, Once corrected, minutes accepted
* Bathroom painting and possible exterior painting via Brad- Mandy will follow up with Brad to see wat Tuesday he will come
* Summer reading YOY information, almost back to pre-pandemic levels!

**Total participants**

2019- 56

2020- 10

2021- 38

2022- 47

**Total Children’s book checkouts**

2019- 703

2020- 26

2021- 492

2022- 704

**Total crafts taken**

2019- 227

2020- 17

2021- 119

2022- 178

**Total Program attendance**

2019- 307

2020- N/A

2021- 105

2022- 262

* Have we heard back from CRTC program in Concord that does graphic design and creates logos etc. Yes, it will be $200 for logo paid to the student that designs it- Betsi gave go ahead. Will bring back 5 to the trustees to vote on! We love this!!
* Outside sign updates- 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. Update- None of the sign companies are getting back to Betsi about an electronic sign. Betsi would like to go with one similar to the one we have now. We are good with what Betsi likes and she will get some more examples to bring back to the trustees.
* Have scheduled AES class visits for next June. Teachers were excited to get this on the books!
* Amazon is ending their line of credit payment method- they bill each month, and they are getting rid of this service. May call to see if we can pay by invoice. Can attach a credit card or checking account. Kathleen will see if this is an option. Kathleen seems to recall some hiccup when we joined the board in getting a credit card for the library, but Kathleen will ask Sherry and report back.
* Relabeled Early reader book by genre and are hoping this will increase circulation.
* As of 8/31/22 the balance of the capital reserve is $12,789.41. Betsi will circle back with Jeff to see what we need to look at in regard to this. Electricity and heat will likely go up this year. We need to keep that in mind.
* Furnace and AC are being serviced next week.
* Book dedication to babies born in the year follow up- Betsi sent an email out to Library group- Betsi will email Hill Library who has been doing this for a while now. Kathleen can give out info when people come to town hall with birth certificate list should we begin this.

The next library meeting was scheduled for **Tuesday, October 18th** at @ 5:00 PM at Allenstown Public Library.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm. Amanda motioned, and Kathleen seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Seibel