

Allenstown Public Library
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
59 Main Street
Allenstown, NH 03275

July 16, 2024

The July 16th meeting of the Allenstown Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:04 PM by Kathleen and seconded by Mandy.

Present: Kathleen Pelissier, Betsi Randlett, Amanda Seibel, JoAnne Dufort

Absent: Jeffrey Venegas

Items:

- Review and discuss acceptance of meeting minutes for 5/21/24 meeting and the 6/11/24 meeting. Both are all set and approved.
- Reviewed Director's report
 - o Remix Roller Skating donated 55 passes worth \$1,100, so we are not at \$7,224 in prizes and money donated for Summer Reading.
 - o 52 children have signed up for Summer Reading, the highest number since Betsi has started working here.
 - o Canceled Best Buy membership because it has increased to almost \$300 a year and we have not used it.
 - o The Facebook ad Betsi created for Summer Reading may have worked too well as 114 people showed up for Wildlife encounters. The largest library programs are usually about 50 people. Lindsay and her Puppet Pals had 24 people vs last year 52. Hoping the large crowd at wildlife event doesn't deter patrons from other events. Increase in sign-ups for new patrons as well.
 - o The editor of the Hooksett Bridge likes the idea of the library giving out the paper. He will get back to Betsi with more details.
 - o The Adventure Backpacks are getting more popular, with 13 checkouts in the past month.
 - o The base rate for the telephone service with Consolidated has gone by \$40 a month, making our monthly bill around \$100. Betsi would like to switch providers, possibly to Xfinity, which could save us about \$60 monthly.
 - o June statistics- Patron visits- 311, Checkouts- 404, Online Checkouts- 281, New Patrons- 15, Facebook- 5,606 people reached and 630 post engagements, Crafts taken- 35 and Wildlife encounters- 114.
- Jeff said in June meeting he is pretty sure he knows where Trustee Roles and Responsibilities edits are. He will bring them to the next meeting in August.
- Betsi said she is at a standstill on the baby book program due to her extra workload for the summer reading program. We will circle back in September.
- The next Library Trustee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 20th at 5PM at the Allenstown Library.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 PM. Motioned by Kathleen and seconded by Mandy.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Seibel