December 1, 2022

Notes from Anne Mason, Secretary

Vinalhaven Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Present: Mark Jackson, Jen Wadleigh, Linda Whittington, Sue Dempster, Deborah Jackson, Jill Oakes

VIA ZOOM: Pam Kittredge, Anne Mason, Hiata Corduan

Minutes from previous meeting accepted, All in Favor

Librarian’s Report: Jen Wadleigh

Jen gave library director report. From 11/3 to 11/30 292 books circulated and 11 interlibrary loans.

The Friends of the Library Report

The Friends funded MLA, ALA dues and magazine subscriptions.

Programs

Plans to add crafts to increase participation in Storytime were decided upon.

Saturday story hour at 10am was discussed.

Need to find best time for Lego Club.

Game Night is waiting to hear from Jensen and Taylor Leach.

Bobby Brown wants to visit the library with his third-grade class and do a scavenger hunt. Email being sent to Jackie Davis. We love the idea and hope other teachers will want to participate.

Other ideas for programs include ornament decorating. Pam and Jake to connect. Hiata will make craft and song recommendations. We would also like to have at-home craft kits and STEM activities.
Discussed strategic plan, which would be a committee and two librarians over a three-year time period. Would guide policies. Will revisit in six months. Planning to align with town strategic goals. Would like to send a survey in the summer for starting new programming. Some ideas include a Kirk Gentalian presentation, podcast discussion group, evening book group, starlight stories, graphic novel book group (ages 8-12) author talk, age-appropriate activities pamphlet, energy kits, book/movie club, and cookbook club.

Hiata and Jen will meet to talk about crafts for Community Night.

May not be able to do Christmas crafts this year due to lack of time to plan.

Another idea was holiday cards to elderly shut-ins.

**New Business**

Will be applying for an ALA accessibility grant in early fall. Need to assess library needs for community engagement and special needs.

Also, an ALA graphic novel grant to apply for. Pam’s daughter writes graphic novels and may be able to speak. And we’d like a scanning pen for children’s books.

There is a sustainability grant and we were going to do a beehive but realized the library isn’t the right place and it is heavy maintenance with too many structural alterations needed. The grant is still open in the spring and the idea was floated of a Promethean Board with possible use by the fishing community for speakers and meetings.

A motion to donate two rain barrels giving one to the Grange and one to Jen was passed.
Jen has been attending webinars and Zoom meetings.

Anne’s note: Jake’s email address was incorrect, should be: jakejackson123@yahoo.com. Also minutes will be sent to Darlene Candage at townclerk@townofvinalhaven.org.

**Next Meeting**

January 5, 5pm, at the library