

Library Board Meeting - Thursday August 15, 2024

Present: Emma Basham (trustee), Rebekah Bakos (trustee), Finnie Trimpie (trustee), Shana Hickman (librarian), and Will Godfrey
Minutes taken by Finnie Trimpie

6:15pm - minutes approved

Anonymous Grant is there -

Financials - 1 month into our fiscal year
No donations or fundraising to record yet
FY24 and 25 are going to look different because of where things are recorded in the financials
*the 5th column over should say 2025
When the investments get fixed do we need to keep such a high balance in the bank account?
Is it better to be invested?

Librarian's report:

Stats were good - July checkouts were low, but more library visits
59 summer reading packets were handed out - up from 48 last year
Adopt a stuffy day had 12, with a nice donation of goods and cash to the Upper Valley Humane Society - Shana has made that delivery
The story-telling event made the front page of the Herald: September 26th event - also conflicts with the school board meeting. Emma is going to reach out to Will to see if they have any room to move their meeting (Shana scheduled this on July 1st - unsure when it was posted to the public - its been going out on the listserve for the past few weeks)
We need: a stool, microphone with stand and speaker (7 stars to provide?), collection basket (Emma), buckets (Emma), plates, glasses, water dispenser (Finnie)
We need somebody to do the timekeeping (not Shana) - Possibly Emma? Finnie is away
Samara will facilitate, bring food, and organize the folks interested in story telling. We need to help spread the word and disperse flyers - Shana will send a digital copy and we can share around, print and post too!
If anyone would like to make a small food donation that would be appreciated!

Grants - Shana still has about \$85 to spend by October 2024?
Noncompetitive grant application has been submitted to cover courier expense

Holiday craft fair and makers market - November 23rd, 9-2 - how do we want to be involved. Do we want to have Joe Willis read as Santa at the event? - Shana will follow up with Joe
*double down on the November event and seek small businesses for baked good donations

Cookie walk - Emma is questioning the cookie walk - do we want to do a cookie SWAP instead?

*can we solicit cookie donation/interest at this to plan for the cookie walk/swap? - or just do the cookie swap the same day

Everything Apple event - set a date? Or merge with other bake events? - skipping everything apple

What if we merge everything - library bake sale at the holiday craft event?

Seeking donations for the November 23rd date

Bakeries to solicit:

King Arthur Flour - Finnie

Umplebys - Laura

Tuckerbox - Laura

Woodstock Farmers Market - Karen

Emily at Wild Yeast - Rebekah

Lebanon/Hanover Coops - Will

Katie's Cookies - Finnie

Violet - gluten free and vegan options (Bitty's mom) - Karen - I believe you have her contact info from the donations list for Artistree gala last summer?

Lou's - Emma

Red Hen Bakery - Rebekah

My Brigadeiro (Hanover) - Emma

Emily Burkholder - Clara - Finnie

Red Kite - Emma

Any other bakers you can think of that might be able to donate a couple dozen cookies?

Can we shift our fundraiser ideas to try and pull in a different demographic? Trivia night followup?

Seed swap - February?

Backpacks for the Homeless - funded through the opioid settlement money - Shana is working with that organization to coordinate dispersal of the backpacks

Department of Health - Ella Harper-Schiehl is available with prevention programs and other trainings

Summer reading party final prep

Will brought food and drink

Emma will bring popsicles and outdoor yard games and a bubble machine

Sammy and Jonah Lincoln will bring their violins

Shana is working at the library for that day as well

Nicole is going to move over here from Old Home Day with her face paints

Using summer grant money for a bluetooth speaker - \$75 from summer reading grant, additional balance to be taken from the programming budget