

Meeting 4/24/25

Started 6:10pm

Emma, Maureen, Rebekah, Finnie, Shana, Will and Margaret Gilmore

Meeting notes from March approved

Budget review - feeling a little tight on the fundraising budget - hoping that we can make up the difference with upcoming fundraiser (plant bake and book sale) and a little extra donation seeking

Reminder - please submit receipts for fundraising expenses - even if we don't ask for reimbursement, we need to document what is being spent for records

Budget approved

Public comment - Margaret Gilmore is a board member at Seven Stars. They would like to open up (again) the conversation about collaboration. They have a larger space that we could share. Maureen said that she would be happy to be a liaison between the library, seven stars and the school.

Ideas for collaboration - instrumental music - lessons, performances, etc. Offer Seven Stars for instrumental music. Discussion about renovation displacement and where kids will go and how Seven Stars and Library can be helpful.

Craft fair and other events to piggy back with each other on.

Can we compare annual calendars and work on helping each other with events

Librarian's report -

March stats - in general up

Programs - kind of a high month for passive programs

Coming up

High Drive at the library - Beth Talford and Justin Park will perform (May 20th)

Mary Anderson - to give a talk on her adventures (June 2nd)

Grants - we did not receive the outreach grant from Gifford Healthcare

Summer Grant is good - \$350

Shana will follow up on the Emily Landecker grant

IMLS grant - no news is good news? They canceled grants for 3-4 states, and then things have stopped, but we are in a quiet holding pattern currently.

VINS membership has gone up - this led to a conversation about reimbursement-led to questions about the town credit card

Annual appeal total went up from the reminder email!

Shana is preparing for the book sale, weeding out all books and did a massive reorganization based on categories more like a bookstore. This will change the system in the computer etc.

Plant, Bake, and Book sale

John Walsh wants to know what time would be best for him to pick up the books - around 4pm?

TSA middle and high school

Aim for 9 tents -

Maureen - 1

Emma - 2

Finnie/Artistree - 3 or 4? (sandbags)

Emma will ask Laura - 2?

Elaine Kerns - 1

*can we send out a listserv request for pop-up tent donation - Shana is also asking for a projector screen - she will ask for both at the same time.

Tables and tents go up on Friday on a low setting

Tarps - send out request for donations

Book moving - TSA students coming? - Emma coordinating

Invasive plant hand out - Finnie to reach out to VINS and Vt Center for Ecostudies to see if they want to offer a plant talk or have an invasive plants handout

Plants to be color coded for pricing - Shana has stickers

Credit card - we have the QR code - you can make a donation or pay in the fundraiser section

Maureen and Finnie will ask local greenhouses for plant donations - Emma to reach out to Frost Gardens

Blurb for the school newsletter - Shana will email it out, Maureen will add it to the SES newsletter, Emma will submit to the TSA newsletter

Signs Will will put the signs out a week prior to the event (Corner at Maplefields and the town hall)