

Present: Charles Buikema, Richard Brown, Cindy Tibbetts, Jenny Maheu, Kelli Burnham, Anthony Shostak, Bonnie McLaughlin & Dawn Youland

- I. **Review/Accept Minutes:** Motion was made to review and acceptance of April Meeting Minutes (Cindy Tibbetts/Jenny Maheu, 8/0)

- II. **Gift from Prince Family:** Anthony Shostak shared that a thank you note was sent to the Prince family for the gift of the bench.

- III. **Guests:** Kim Brandt, MSAD 52 Superintendent, Librarians, Judith Lashman, Leavitt HS, Lynn McHatten, Tripp Middle School and Susan Swan, Elementary visited to discuss direction of programs and how we can work cooperatively.
Judy Lashman shared that she was requesting funds from Leavitt Trustees for a Maker Space (21st Century Learning Space) she intended to start out low tech with a mural and Leggos. Additionally she has several reading incentive programs. It was suggested that Kelli Burnham visit/present at one of Leavitt High School's staff meetings.
Anthony Shostak informed the group what the Turner Public Library has available in our Maker Space as well as other items & resources we have for loan to our patrons. He asked for suggestions on how TPL might get this information to the district students.
Susan Swan and Lynn McHatten suggested that Kelli may wish to contact the elementary and middle school book fairs in September to onboard potential patrons.
Cindy Tibbetts mentioned that it would be nice if summer reading lists could be shared with TPL. Judith Lashman shared that Leavitt does not purchase high school level Maine State Book Awards which may be an opportunity for TPL.
Jenny Maheu spoke of a grant that was available for a sensory library, Judith Lashman said that Leavitt currently does not have a sensory library and would be interested in learning more about the grant; adding there is however a section that provides for diverse needs at the high school library.
Kim Brandt asked additional questions about the planetarium event and felt that it would be very productive to continue to share ways to integrate all of our offerings. She added that any information to be distributed to students on library programs can be given to Martha Bilodeau 2 weeks in advance of needing materials to land in classroom.

- IV. **Librarian's Report:** Kelli Burnham shared: A report of patron visits based on activity levels she recommended the board consider changes that would be beneficial to the patrons. Cindy Tibbetts/ Charles Buikema) made a motion to close the library on Wednesday from 10-2 and moving the hours to Friday from 2-6 to take advantage of after school traffic. Motion was approved 8/0. Kelli Burnham stated that she would advertise the new hours for a month prior to change.

Kelli Burnham also talked about organizing by author; stating it was a work in progress and volunteers have helped.

V. **Old/New Business by Committee:**

A. **Events & Programing**

Reports on past events:

1. **Story Hour- Gardening Event:** Anthony Shostak shared that both went well and suggested placing posters at DFD Russell & about community advertising story hour. Bonnie McLaughlin mentioned that Topsham has themed gardens such as Forest Garden, Lasagna Garden, Strawberry Garden, Rainbow Garden & Square Foot Gardening as a potential event offering in the future. She added an idea to consider would be “preparing your garden for winter” seminar for late summer/early falls. Cindy Tibbetts brought up that they had tried a Preservation workshop in the past and it was not successful.

B. **Coming Events**

1. **Northern Stars Planetarium-** Anthony Shostak stated display would be set up in the Middle School Gym on June 2nd, 5th Grade Class will be visiting.
2. **Drawing Comics Workshop** -Jay Piscopo will lead comic drawing workshop. Kelli Burnham stated event would be held June 10th, time to be determined.
3. **Fourth of July-**Cindy Tibbetts, Chair of Festival on the Green reported that plans were stable at this point; Adding that church was not participating this year. She had tried to contact Mary Wade with regard to the 5K but had not yet been successful. Paula Anderson has the music lined up for a while now and she was fine if TPL did not participate in the music fundraising. Jenny Maheu asked if it was acceptable for her daughter to have a Lemonade Stand to fundraise for her friend that was diagnosed with cancer. Cindy will touch base with Betty Twitchell to confirm that left over books have an outlet. Jenny Maheu reminded everyone that strawberry picking will be July 3rd, 7 a.m. at Stevensons.
4. **Summer Reading-**Kelli Burnham suggested offering incentives; such as signed sheets being entered into a weekly drawing. She also shared she was working on organizing a “star party” at Rickers’s Pick Your Own Apples.
5. **Henna-**Details to be announced.
6. **Intro to Essential Oil** – To take place May 18th. Cindy Tibbetts had a complaint by someone who had tried to present last year and was turned down. Anthony will reach out to the individual to discuss the situation.

C. Fundraising

1. Grants: Emerson Toyota, Wing Benjamin-
Betty Twitchell spoke with Emerson Toyota and it looks like we should have \$5000 for Audio Books. Cindy Tibbets asked what related purchase could be considered under Audio Books, some thought will be given to this matter.
Anthony Shostak stated that the report for events was submitted and TPL was invited to apply for funds for next year.
Bonnie McLaughlin suggested that TPL look into the Kohl's Cares grant that has information listed on the Kohl's website. They will send employees to work an event and donate \$500. Kelli Burnham will look into the grant.
2. Coordinating Fundraising with Leavitt Institute Building Committee:
Anthony Shostak will schedule a meeting with Turner Town Manager to discuss their fundraising so that we don't step on each other's toes. Hopefully the LIBC & TPL can work together on capital requests.
3. Annual Appeal Letter Draft: no action taken

D. Nominating Committee

Richard Gross will serve as chair, committee will be responsible for a slate of nominees, and Theresa Gillis agreed to serve as a Trustee beginning in August. Bonnie McLaughlin and Dawn Youland will serve as well.

VI Other New Business

1. Cindy Tibbets asked about the change in term limits as discussed at previous meeting, Anthony Shostak reported that he was working on the change.
2. Jenny Maheu reported that the Tri Town Selectmen, School Board and Town Managers would be meeting in the Community Room to discuss Budgets. She suggested that we provide the meal which would consist of finger rolls and salads. Jenny will keep us informed of date and time.

VII Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held June 6th, 2017 at 6 PM.

Adjourn (Bonnie McLaughlin/Jenny Maheu, 8/0)