

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY MINUTES

ATTENDEES: AMY LAPOINTE, STEVE MANTIUS, GRETCHEN PYLES, BILL CASSIDY, NANCY HEAD, DAVE HALLENBACK, NANCY BAKER, TONI DINKEL (ZOOM), JIM KUHNERT (ZOOM),

MAY 20, 2024

Call to order 6:35pm

April 15, 2024 Minutes unanimously approved. No public comment.

Directors Report: Door count still up 20%, circulation up. Magazines going away, mostly because they have gone online or ceased publication.

New kids and teens email newsletter. Sign up on website. Summer reading theme: Pirates! Adult theme: Bookopoly

Adding new video platform: Kanopy. Streaming video product of older films, foreign films, documentaries, all Great Courses. Will go live soon. Fee structure is pay per use.

Friends of the Library Trivia Night was a HUGE hit! Raised about \$6,000.

Student Art Show up now. Door count 845.

New Furniture from Friends arrives May 30th

Personnel updates: Caitlin Forsyth is back for summer to help in children's room. Working to implement new evaluation tool. Evaluations now done on anniversary date to spread reviews out throughout the year. Take input from multiple supervisors and co-workers. Open enrollment period - now have choice of two plans. HMO or high deductible HSA. Amherst joining NH retirement system. Existing employees can choose to stay or go. Lots to digest for employees.

NHLTA Conference registration deadline May 20. Dave, Toni both will attend.
All trustees need to set up an account. Amy will pay dues.

New Gifts: \$2,950 from Friends for the concert series. Motion 1st: Dave, 2nd
Steve, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Spending continues to be under budget. Investment accounts
down a little for the month, but still conservatively positioned.

Survey Results: 220 responses - data not significantly significant. Generally
respondents are regular library users. Overall takeaways - the library is
deeply well regarded and valued.

How would you measure users by household?

Staff breakfast: Frame essential question directed toward survey results that
also supports strategic plan. For example, different kinds of programming..
some social, easy, some educational, some more like courses.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 17th STAFF Meeting 8am - 9:15am

Adjourned 8:17pm

Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Larson, Secretary