

**GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
Wednesday, February 18, 2015  
Groton Public Library  
7:00 p.m., Director's Office

- I) Call to order: 7:10 p.m.
  
- II) Roll call: Marie Shaw, Pennie Fox, Ranjna Bindra, Dr. CJ Connolly, Susan Kietzman.  
Excused: Director Betty Anne Reiter, Rosemary Duval-Arnould, Lenore White, Katherine Brighty.
  
- III) Public Comments
  
- IV) Communications
  - A) Resignation of board member Willard Welch.
  - B) A search is currently underway for a new board member. Marie has received communication from the town clerk that someone is interested.
  - C) Gail Welch has offered to help with the logo for the library's fundraising campaign.
  
- V) Approval of minutes of the January 21, 2015 meeting: Dr. CJ Connolly moved to approve the minutes and Ranjna Bindra seconded. Minutes approved.
  
- VI) Review of January statistics
  - A) Reviewed as presented. CJ pointed out that the number of visits in January 2015 is almost the same as the number of visits in January 2014 – and yet circulation and internet use are down. She wondered if there is an activity happening at the library that's not being captured in the statistics.
  
- VII) Director's Report
  - A) **Budget**
    - i) The Library's FY2016 budget presentation for Town Council is scheduled for April 15 at 6:00 p.m.
  - B) **Book Sale**
    - i) The book sale is scheduled from February 13 – 15. A total of \$3,240 was raised.
  - C) **Upcoming Events**
    - i) The Circle of Friends are sponsoring two Sunday programs:
      - (1) **February 22, at 2:00 p.m. *The Cellar Gang***. A unique group of musicians will perform on hand-made wire-strung instruments. They will share how they designed and crafted their instruments and produce beautiful ethereal sounds on the harp, bowed psaltery and dulcimer.

(2) **March 1, at 2:00 p.m. A Sunday Afternoon with the Gillettes.** (Please note: this date may be changed.) Harold and Theodora Niver transform themselves into William and Helen Gillette, dressing in authentic and period correct costumes, and share their knowledge of Gillette, his castle and his connection to Sherlock Holmes.

ii) The Ninth Annual Edible Books Festival will take place on Sunday, March 29, at 1:30 p.m. The Board has an interest in doing an entry!

VIII) New Business

A) We received an application from the Association of Connecticut Library Boards. We have not belonged as an institution, but Marie has joined as an individual. Cost is \$25 per board member or \$100 as a board. Purpose of the organization is to support library boards. We will discuss membership at the March meeting.

B) Susan will call Lenore to see if she needs a ride to the meetings or if she would like to call in.

IX) Old Business

A) Continuation of discussion regarding fundraising activities.

i) Pennie was nominated to be the fundraising project manager. Submitted a fundraising plan, outlining (at a high level) what needs to be done.

ii) CJ expressed concern about where the Circle of Friends is headed. Do we want members to volunteer their time? Do we want them to contribute financially? Do we want them to raise money for the library? We need to have a discussion about what we want this organization to do for the library.

X) Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan Kietzman  
Library Board Member