

**GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
SPECIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Groton Public Library

8:00 p.m., Director's Office

- I) Call to order: Marie Shaw called the meeting to order at 8:17 p.m.

- II) Roll call: Betty Anne Reiter, Pennie Fox, Katherine Brighty, Marie Shaw, Laurel Butler, Ranjna Bindra, and Susan Kietzman. Excused: Lenore White. Absent: Rosemary Duval-Arnould.

- III) Public Comments

- IV) Communications
 - A) Dr. C.J. Connolly has resigned due to health reasons.
 - B) Marie and Betty Anne were both contacted by Town Councilor Bob Frink to see if the Library would sponsor/be advisor to a poet laureate for the Town of Groton. Marie suggested Bob have a conversation about it with the Mystic Arts Center and/or Fitch High School.

- V) Approval of minutes of the July 15, 2015 meeting: Minutes approved.

- VI) Review of July and August statistics

- VII) Director's Report
 - A) **Looking Forward, Giving Back**
 - i) Work continues to identify local businesses that might be willing to participate in the Neighborhood Assistance Act program. The Library's \$150,000 project to replace two roof top heat pump units and split air conditioning systems with more energy efficient units is included on the state list of "2015 Approved Programs." We now need to find businesses interested in taking advantage of the 100% tax credit offered by the program. Many businesses were contacted and provided with information about the NAA Program. Applications from interested businesses are due by October 1.
 - ii) We have raised \$38,540.65 so far. A grant application to Dominion is still outstanding and an application will be submitted to the Savings Institute Foundation by September 30.
 - iii) Fundraising activities are on hold for the present. They will be picked back up in January/February. Have worked on a local history calendar with Jim Streeter.

B) Summer Reading Final Report

- i) The Groton Public Library has completed another amazing Summer Reading Program. Our program began Saturday, June 20st and ended on Friday, August 7. 503 children, 79 teens, and 69 adults participated this year. Children logged in 423,539 pages; teens 156,421 pages; and adults logged 224 books. During this seven-week period, the Library created and conducted a combined 95 programs for teens and children with a total of 4,448 in attendance.
- ii) 250 children and their caregivers attended the Summer Reading Touch-a-Truck Finale on Friday, August 7. Special thanks are due to our partners – Groton Public Works Department (their truck became a crowd favorite once the horn was discovered!), the Groton Town Police Department, Poquonnock Bridge Fire Department and Groton Ambulance. Attendees also enjoyed visiting with Phantom, the Bernese Mountain therapy dog, and creating superhero themed crafts.
- iii) 50 teens enjoyed crafts and the final drawing for prizes later in the afternoon at their summer reading party with a make-your-own-sundae station.

C) Sub Base 100th Anniversary

- i) The Sub Base is celebrating its 100th anniversary in Groton and a committee has been formed to plan events. The celebration will be called “Connecticut Submarine Century.” Betty Anne has been asked to chair the library stakeholders’ group.
- ii) The Library has already been in touch with Submarine Force Museum about hosting an exhibit and program. Several other ideas are being explored.

D) One Book, One Region

- i) The 2015 One Book title will be announced on October 1. The kickoff will be held on October 13 or 20 at 6:00 p.m. at Branford House at University of CT Avery Point. Connecticut College has signed on as a partner and will be heavily involved in this year’s project.

E) Circle of Friends

- i) The Circle of Friends annual meeting is scheduled for September 15. The Library plans to submit a funding request to the Friends for several projects. Dana Parfitt has agreed to step in as president. She’s very active with the Jr. Friends group. Jr. group is doing a Trunk or Treat for Halloween. They have bake sales. And they are selling holiday cards to raise money. We still need enthusiastic people to join the group.

F) Building Updates

- i) New energy efficient lighting has been installed in the library parking lot. Betty Anne is pleased with the new lights.
- ii) A wallpaper expert examined the Library’s wallpaper which is curling at the seams and she will make recommendations on possible repair solutions.

VIII) New Business

- A) Local history fair at the library on Saturday, September 26th, from 1-4 p.m. Pennie will be selling bags and calendars and would like help.
- B) Association of CT Library Boards 2015 Trustee Leadership Conference is on November 6th in West Hartford.

IX) Old Business

- X) Adjournment: Ranjna Bindra moved to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. The motion was seconded by Katherine Brighty.

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan Kietzman
Vice Chairman

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