

Mary L. Blood Library Trustees' Meeting AUGUST 20, 2015

Present: John Cocke Trustees: Tom Kenyon, Edson Pierce, Chris Wagner and Jennifer Rathburn (Librarian of the Mary L. Blood Library).

Note: Minutes of July 23, 2015, were considered and accepted.

Librarian's report: Copy of Librarian's Report for August, 2015 is attached at the end of these minutes.

Old Business:

- (1) Trustees discussed Librarian's Report. John Cocke noted Newberry Comics located in the Upper Valley may purchase gleaned books.
- (2) Tom to trim back some limbs on the Eleanor Pierce Memorial Crab Tree by the walkway.
- (3) Trustee Chris Wagner to compose thank-you letter for sending out.
- (4) Trustees agreed we should have MLB letterhead notepaper.
- (5) John and Christine offered up their thoughts on how to organize a "Friends of the Mary L. Blood Library" and how it might operate. Discussed developing bylaws. All discussed obtaining from foundations donations for the library's needed collections and operations.
- (6) Tom noted the new led light bulbs have been ordered but have not arrived.
- (7) No update on the septic system and nothing new on the restroom.

New Business:

- (1) It was noted two selectmen are now no longer members of this Board and new members should be appointed. It was suggested that John Cocke might be appointed and Select Board Chair Richard Beatty to be asked by Tom to see if he would like to be a Trustee. The State likes to have five Trustees.
- (2) The Trustees will generate a "fact" sheet about the library.
- (3) The Trustees need to generate a fundraising letter by September 15th. The fundraising will be part of our "Blood Drive." This was discussed and all thought it was they way to proceed.
- (4) The Librarian is away on September 9th and 10th. Christine to cover.
- (5) Tom to get mailing address labels from Town Clerk.
- (6) Edson noted the bulkhead is in need of repairs before someone gets hurt on the doors.

Next meeting: The next regular monthly meeting of the Trustees will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 4 pm.

Tom Kenyon, Secretary

Librarian's Report August 2015:

We have received a large number of hardcover and paperback books from Bruce and Sandy Sahler, who are moving and have a considerable collection. I am presently "weeding" our collection and some of these books are a welcome addition. Others are

duplicates which we can possibly sell, either off the shelves in the foyer or at the next book sale.

I have removed the many VHS movies from the shelves as hardly anyone has the equipment to use them anymore. They are boxed up and ready to go. We are in the process of putting out our small collection of DVDs. Similarly, I have separated the audiobooks into DVD or cassette format.

We need to either purchase a new phone or fix the one we have. There is such an amount of “crackle” that it is nearly impossible to hear anyone on the other end. I cannot hear messages either, because of this noise.

I would like to do another small book order (12-15 titles) by the end of September. These would be mainly adult titles, as that is who our readers are.

Could we possibly trim a branch or two off the crabapple tree? Some of the branches overhang the walkway.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Rathburn