

Mary L. Blood Library Trustees' Meeting
DECEMBER 3, 2015

Present: Trustees: Tom Kenyon, Edson Pierce, John Cocke, Richard Beatty and Chris Wagner; Librarian Jennifer Rathburn.

Minutes of October 29, 2015 were considered and accepted.

Note: No meeting in November.

Librarian's report November/December 2015:

We have received 20 new books, both fiction and non-fiction, and mostly adult but a couple of young adult titles as well. No children's books this time, but I have a list for next summer's Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award books, so we'll be more prepared for the reading challenge then.

We have also received a letter from VINS offering a Special Library Membership, which, for a cost of \$150.00, would allow our patrons free admission for one year. This offer would be either one card allowing 4 people free admission at once or two cards allowing 2 people. This might be a nice option for patrons, along with the ECHO Center reduced admission cost and the State Parks and Historic Site free admission with a card.

I haven't been able to keep the clock wound. It ran down while I was away last month and I can't reach it to pull the chain down. Need a step-ladder that I can manage.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Rathburn

Old Business:

(1) John updated us on the fund drive and noted 66 donations have been received and \$6,032 has come in. More expected. He further noted we are \$968 short of the \$10,000 goal so he will send a letter stating our financial status to the matching donor. On December 9th Jennifer and John to send out thank-you notes to the donors. John will send out maple syrup to the matching grant donor. Tom said the new LED light bulbs have arrived and were installed today. We discussed specific uses for the funds raised. It was also suggested by John we explore a grant from the Dorothy Byrne Foundation. Were there other donors and he will explore via library reference materials. It was decided we should create an electronic spread sheet on this fundraiser so the information could be used by us in the future. This would help us in creating a list of steady givers.

(2) It was confirmed the restroom project is still in the works with Dave Silvester and the door project is still in the works with the Corrections. Confirmed the project

may be done after the sewer line comes into the building next spring. Tom to contact Brian the plumber from Claremont to perhaps work with Dave.

(3) Need to investigate cataloging and automatic records for our books in the proper format.

New Business:

(1) The next scheduled meeting of the Trustees will be on December 30 at 4 pm at the library. We will work on the budget and article for 2016.

(2) Trustees discussed status of furnace which may be a capital expense we have not planned for in the near future. Tom is to get a replacement estimate from Dead River before next meeting.

Tom Kenyon, Secretary