

Thornton Public Library

Board of Trustees
Minutes

Wednesday October 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. In attendance were: Diane Gravel, Chair; Marty Humphrey, Anita Ross, trustees; Library Director Vivica Duffield; Jackie Belanger and Fran Chevalier, Alternate Trustees. The agenda was approved. Motion to approve minutes of Sept. 13 was made by Anita Ross and seconded by Marty Humphrey. Motion passed. Motion to accept non-public minutes of September 13, 2023, by Anita Ross and seconded by Marty Humphrey. Motion passed.

Reports: Financial report discussed with recommendations to move Constant Contact to general account. There were no uncleared checks. Anita moved to accept the financial report. Marty seconded and the motion passed. Library budget was discussed. There will be a 6% increase. Marty moved to accept the budget, and Anita seconded. Motion passed.

The library director reported on the Book Fair and proposed Story Walk.

- There is a new mystery book club.
- Vivica has quotes on two scanners.
- A thank you note to Mr. Silvia for his help with the work day.
- There is a program on October 25 by the author Kati Preston.
- Vivica is working on identifying members for a Friends of the Library group. Marty suggested reaching out through Facebook.
- A Septic system quote has come in and an ad for snow plowing bids will go out this week and next week.
- Motion to accept book donation from Eleanor Kelley was made by Anita Ross and seconded by Marty. Motion passed.
- The library is looking for a sub. Requirements include computer literacy and would prefer library experience.

School/library liaison reports that the book fair for the Spring will be held from April 14-20, 2024. Candy can be dropped off until noon on Halloween for Trunk or Treat.

New Business:

- Marty is donating puzzle books for library Trunk or Treat activity.
- Fran suggested Rotary grant requests. We need to have a Friends group to qualify for a 501.3c tax account. Marty suggested that we can emphasize raising money through grants, not taxes. A meeting will be scheduled.

Next meeting: November 10 at 10:00AM. Budget meeting for the Board of Selectmen is November 15 at 4:15.

Anita Ross moved to adjourn the meeting and Marty seconded. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Belanger

Approved November 10, 2023