

Trustees' Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 6, 2012

Present: D. Rockefeller, M. Fodero, A. Wick, J. Gilston, C. White, D. Brothers,
D. Grimse.

Meeting start time: 4:30 pm

1. No Selectman's report.
2. No Teen Advisor's report.
3. The minutes of February 14 were approved as amended.
4. Donations of \$17 were accepted.
5. The Director's report was accepted as written. February was a very busy month reflecting an increase in circulation of over 27% from 2011.
6. C. White will represent the Board at the Friend's meeting on Monday March 12.
7. Checks were signed by A. Wick.
8. Payroll review was completed and signed by Co-chair Rockefeller.
9. Old Business:
 - a. The revised Circulation Policy was approved and signed.
 - b. Previous survey questions and results and plans for the 2012 survey were discussed. D. Grimse will investigate the most cost effective way of reproducing and disseminating the survey.
 - c. M. Fodero talked about the warrant article for the capital reserve fund stressing the importance of clearly articulating the Board's goal toward Library expansion.
10. In order to allow for setting up the evening program the meeting was adjourned At 5:45 pm.
11. Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 24, 2012
12. To do list: Prepare questions and format suggestions for the 2012 Survey.

C. White, Sec.

Director's Report follows:

Weeks Public Library Director's Report

March 2012

	Circulation		Change	Number of Events		Event Attendance	
	2012	2011		2012	2011	2012	2011
January	3,627	3,439	5.47%	33	20	321	177
February	4,164	3,277	27.07%	38	33	473	327
Totals	7,791	6,716	16.06%	71	53	794	504

	Downloadable Books				Learning Express		Mango Languages	
	Audiobooks		eBooks		2012	2011	2012	2011
	2012	2011	2012	2011				
January	108	129	64	14	2	4	6	6
February	79	80	86	13	3	13	4	11
Totals	187	209	150	27	5	17	10	17

Donations: \$17 needs to be accepted in donations.

Events and Classes:

February was busy with scheduled events in the library and at the school. The month began with the lecture on Muslims and Americans in World War II presented by resident Mark Willis. Mark also attended the Finding Nouf book discussion and shared his experiences in Saudi Arabia with the group. Susan MacDonald and Becky Marks met with the last of the classes at the school for book talks. Susan also ran a week of literary lunch sessions at the school featuring a current Great Stone Face title, The Adventures of Nanny Piggins by R.A. Spratt. The Wild Wednesday event this month was a candy making workshop for grades 5 and up. The month also featured a week of Valentine crafts, an all ages Shrinky Dink session, and Winter Vacation Week crafts and movies. Five teens attended the February TAB meeting. A group decorated the Teen Think Tank before the meeting officially started. At the meeting, the teens reviewed old business and finalized snacks, lighting, and decor for the February Cafe Night. New business discussion confirmed Live Clue for the March program. Five book reviews were presented and the teens voted yes or no to add as Teen Picks. Lastly, while everyone enjoyed refreshments, one teen shared a story he wrote for school. The Teen Open Mic Café was a huge success. Ten teens came to recite original poetry, read favorite poems, tell stories, and sing. The setting was under twinkle lights and gave the feel of a small café. Again guests were seated and served light refreshments. Everyone was eager to schedule another cafe in the future. The Teen DIY station was also available all month. The theme was Valentines for books.

Meetings, Workshops and Conferences:

2/1 Budget Committee: Mark Fodero and Donalee Brothers – The school budget was still being reviewed.

2/2 Book talks at GCS: Becky Marks and Susan MacDonald – Conducted rapid review sessions on a variety of books for the two fifth grade classes. They especially enjoyed the gross books and the fiction titles.

2/7 Publisher Webinar: Becky Marks - Listened to four different publishers book talk new titles coming out in the next six months.

2/8 Budget Committee Public Hearing: Denise Grimse and Donalee Brothers– Answered questions on the Budget and the Warrant Article.

2/10 Great Stone Face Meeting: Susan MacDonald – The committee reviewed more titles for possible inclusion in the 2012-13 list.

2/13 Friends Meeting: Becky Marks and Mark Fodero - There were six Friends plus Trustee Mark Fodero in attendance. Everyone was interested in sponsoring Grail Mania for the October Teens program. Becky will check with Karen and make a final decision next meeting. There was great discussion about Freegal. All were excited about it and wanted to learn more. A table at Town Meeting was discussed and tabled for next meeting. Everyone was concentrating on fund raising ideas. It was decided not to run the plant sale this year as it is a lot of work for little return. A monthly online auction was a popular idea. Mark F. gave the Friends insight on how it could work without a lot of effort. The monthly raffles might feature such items as a Kindle, Red Sox tickets, etc. Of course all these online ideas would have to have links from our website! That then brought up the idea of coupons from local business. A local business would be featured each month. A coupon would be given to each patron when they checked out materials. When that patron purchases meals, products, or services from the featured business, the business then would donate the agreed amount, such as a \$1, to the library. The group also talked about paying Friends of the Library dues online through the website.

2/13 to 2/17 Literary Lunch: Susan MacDonald – Went to the school at lunch time to read chapters of a Great Stone Face book to students.

2/21 Webinar Books for Youth: Becky Marks - Again four different publishers featured their new titles for spring. Holiday House, Houghton Mifflin, Running Press, and Penguin Publishers had a few titles that might interest our teens. Two books featuring dystopian stories and bullying stories were especially interesting.

2/24 Seacoast Coop Meeting: Denise Grimse – The sales rep from Library Ideas, LLC demonstrated Freeding, a multiuser eBook service and Freegal, an online music service.

Online Services: As of February 10th, Penguin will no longer sell audiobooks or eBooks to libraries through OverDrive and all Penguin eBook titles in the Kindle format must now be first downloaded to a computer and then transferred by USB to the device.

Recorded Books is in the process of setting up our account to the Financial Module of Universal Class. This will provide residents with online classes on a variety of business topics.

Summer Reading Events: Some different events are planned for the Summer Reading Program. Three “entertainer” events will be presented in the evening. Staff will create the remaining programs. The national summer reading manual did not have good ideas this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Grimse, Director