

George H. Stowell Library Trustee Meeting
Thursday, February 17, 2022, 6:00 pm
Cornish General Store
Draft Minutes

Present

Trustees : Kathi Patterson, Richard Scheuer, Laura Cousineau
Others: Stephanie McAndrew (librarian), Colleen O'Neill (CCI)

1. Call to Order 6:09 pm
2. Minutes for Thursday, January 27, 2022, were approved as amended.
3. Treasurer's Report. Kathi passed out the budget [see attached]. No questions were asked. She passed out a document on expenses, including legal fees for Exploratory Committee feasibility study, architect fees, and engineering fees. Additional bills will come from Banwell.
4. Librarian's Report. Stephanie reported:
 - a. New Thursday hours were sufficiently busy.
 - b. Both book clubs met online this month.
 - c. The Cookie Decorating special event last Saturday was attended by 22 children and 16 adults. A similar event will be planned for the holiday season, with a professional to teach it towards. There will be another special event around St. Patrick's Day. Discussion of paying presenters followed. Library has a savings account that serves as a program account. Presenter might cost between \$100 and \$200.
 - d. Stephanie would like to host a touch-a-truck event. Possible venues were discussed; the fairgrounds seemed the best place. We would need to coordinate with the town and the association, starting with Mary in the Town Offices.
 - e. Stephanie will purchase a graphic design application, CANVA, for producing newsletters, flyers, websites, etc.
 - f. Richard asked about a debit card from our bank. Kathi has been concerned about security. Kathi will talk to the bank about getting a credit or debit card and will ask about security features.
5. Other Business
 - a. Discussion of table at Town Meeting. Kathi reviewed her document, "Renovating the Current Library Building." Richard suggested a trifold table showing the Stowell revision drawings, the current Stowell building, and the Banwell drawings for renovation of the general store. One section would have a limited number of bullet points for trifold in two sections: Why we need a new building based on issues and drawbacks; and, our dreams for the future. Laura will write

up the bullets. Kathi will refine her document “Renovating the Current Library Building” to have as a flyer. Richard will get the trifold board. The trustees will meet at library to assemble it on Saturday, February 26 at 1:00 pm. The trifold will be used at School Board meeting as well as town meeting.

- b. Motion: moved by Laura Cousineau, seconded by Richard Scheuer. Unanimous vote.

Whereas any renovation to the Stowell Building would trigger ADA interior and exterior compliance

Whereas ADA renovations would reduce collection space and seating space,

Whereas the building currently has inadequate collection space and seating space,

Whereas there would continue to be inadequate parking,

Where there would continue to be no space for programs or meetings,

Whereas the cost of the renovations would likely be significant to the taxpayers,

Therefore, the trustees do not recommend any renovation of the existing building.

- c. Conversation with the CCI
 - i. CCI requests letter from Banwell in writing that will not need sprinkler system.
 - ii. CCI requests that Banwell obtain another construction costs estimate for the Cornish store renovation.
- d. Hours for Exploratory Operation comparison: 20 library + 4 community center meeting after hours.

6. Next Meeting Date TBD after Town Meeting

7. Adjournment 8:02 pm