

George H. Stowell Library Trustee Meeting
Wednesday, May 25 2022
6:00 pm
George H. Stowell Free Library

Present: Kathi Patterson, Richard Scheuer, Stephanie McAndrews, Laura Cousineau

1. Call to Order 6:03 pm
2. Approved minutes for Thursday, May 5 (trustees) and Tuesday, May 17 (joint w/LEC)
3. Treasurer's Report. Nothing new to report since last meeting.
4. Librarian's Report. Received Tasker grant for summer reading program. Summer reading information will be sent to the school tomorrow.
5. Old Business
 - a. Library Exploratory Committee progress. Laura gave a quick review of last meeting.
 - b. LEC subcommittee progress for the new MA-KE contract. Richard gave his available dates to meet to Larry Dingee. He has not heard back from him yet. There was discussion about the MA+KE plans, and whether having them requires us to renovate or move to a new building, as it acknowledges problems with the building.
 - c. Soft costs. Library furniture companies will do it for free. Stephanie will send Laura the name of the company.
 - d. Tom Ladd report. Laura will call him Friday if we have not received his report.
 - e. Trustees want to have Banwell make a separate meeting (Open Forum) and not have it jointly with MA+KE. Colleen and CCI should be a part of that meeting.
6. New Business
 - a. Review the library's mission statement as requested by the LEC. All agreed that it is good as is.

ARTICLE 3 – MISSION STATEMENT

3.1 The George H. Stowell Free Library (the "Library") will perpetuate George H. Stowell's interest in the intellectual welfare of the town and its people. The Library is committed to providing resources adequate to serve the varied needs of the patrons of Cornish and to providing equal opportunity for everyone to access, share, and create information.

3.2. Our goals are to furnish library patrons of all ages with a variety of informational resources, to assist members of the community in their

educational and cultural endeavors, and to preserve the heritage of the library for current and future Cornish residents. Freedom of speech, freedom of information, and the right to privacy are cornerstone principles for all library policies, programs, and services.
(Adopted: June, 2019)

- b. Discuss the format of the brochure/post card to be mailed to all Cornish households - when, what, who (postponed from the last meeting). Kathi had sent the form used to the previous one to Heidi, who forwarded it to Laura. Laura believes that a postcard would be better.
 - c. Discuss the date, place, time for the Open forum with Banwell - (postponed from the last meeting). We choose September, third week, Tuesday the 20th. Laura will check with Banwell.
 - d. Review new data from Banwell on electric/heating costs. Based on 15 hours. Needs to be increased to 20 hours. Laura has emailed Banwell.
7. Other Business
- a. Laura reviewed NHLTA conference information.
8. Next Meeting Date TBD
9. Adjournment 7:10 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura K. Cousineau, trustee