

George H. Stowell Free Library Trustee Meeting Notes
November 9, 2011

Attendance: Bernice Johnson, Kathi Patterson, Richard Scheuer, Emily Cromwell (Librarian)

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Treasurer's Report
- 3) 2012 Budget Review
- 4) Other Business
- 5) Librarian's Report
- 6) Adjournment

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm at the library.

2) Treasurer's Report

Kathi handed out copies of the Budget Report for 2010, the Expense Report for 2010, the Library Report for 2011, and a draft of a proposed 2012 budget. She reviewed what has been spent throughout the year.

3) 2012 Budget Review

Individual item allocations for 2012 budget were discussed. The decision was made to level-fund most items with increases for the librarian's salary (3%), postage, and fuel costs. Overall, the 2012 expenses show an increase of @\$630.

The allocation to cover janitor expenses will be kept as a budget item even though Kathi has assumed the janitor duties. She donates her time.

Kathi will forward the 2012 budget request information to Mary at the Selectmen's office for review by the Finance Committee and the Selectmen. She will finalize the other reports and forward them when they are due for inclusion in the Town Report.

Bernie made the motion to accept the 2012 budget as proposed. After a second by Richard, the motion passed.

4) Other Business

Richard, our newest trustee, discussed the N.H. Library Trustees workshop he attended - much interesting info but a lot that doesn't pertain to our library.

5) Librarian Report

Emily said that patronage remains about the same as last year. However, she would like to eliminate some Wednesday evening hours because patronage is quite low. She will ask for comments on ConnectCornish before making any decision.

The evening hours on the first Wednesday of each month - when the book discussion group meets - would stay. This group has been running for about 9 years now and has been adding new members.

She has been training new volunteers and has booked several programs through grants from the N.H Humanities Council and monies from the Cromwell Grant. Although it was a lot of work, the library birthday party was a huge success.

She would like to discard all the VHS movie tapes and the books-on-tape cassettes as newer formats have made them obsolete. She will start to replace the classic movies with DVDs and the books-on-tape with CD-ROMs.

She proposed a tea to thank volunteers on a date yet to be determined. Until then, she will write them all thank-you notes for their service. Without them the library could not offer the services it does.

6) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bernice Johnson
President