

## MINUTES OF THE BROOKFIELD LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEETING, April 23, 2024

Present and Voting: Amy Borgman, Emily Noyes, Starr Strong

Present and Not Voting: Laura Rochat, Librarian

Not Present: Dan Childs, Susan O'Brien

-Minutes were accepted from January 24, 2024 meeting

-Town Meeting Update: Library budget passed and Board members Starr and Dan were re-elected without opposition.

-Treasurer's Report: Deferred as Dan was not present

-Librarian's Report:

\*Laura reports that Brad Downen, stonemason, stopped by the Library to say he was planning to start the patio project soon. Laura will notify the Town Clerk's office of this .

\*After contacting the Principal of the Brookfield Elementary School, it was decided that Laura will address the children closer to the end of the school year to promote our Library and its offerings.

\*Any summer reading programs will be offered through the BES.

\*Laura and Starr are working to disperse our audio book collection to local nursing homes.

\*Laura reports lots of books in the attic need to find new homes. She will be contacting the Friends of the Kimball Library Bookshop about some of these. We still plan to set up a free books bookshelf in the OtH this summer.

-Recent Programs:

\*Starr gave a well-received presentation on the Galapagos Islands at the Pond Village Church in March.

\*Our winter knitting group remained small throughout this past winter despite moving the meeting time from Sunday to Wednesday evening. We will try meeting on a weekday evening next winter and then reconsider this offering.

-Upcoming programs:

\*July 10: Author presentation by Kathy Elkind

\*August 15: Spencer Hardy from the Vermont Center of Ecostudies speaking on Vermont's wild bee populations

\*August 19: Tom Allen will run a hands-on science program on electricity and magnetism for children aged 6 and up. This is instead of the Deconstruction Program offered in the past.

A discussion on what our Library can offer the community in addition to books, written and other versions came up with the idea that we needed to give this more consideration.

Perhaps a book group? A seed swap collection? Keep thinking.

-Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday June 12 @ 5:30PM in the Library.