

Present and Voting: Amy Borgman, Dan Childs, Emily Noyes, Susan O'Brien, Starr Strong

Present and not voting: Laura Rochat (Librarian)

-Approval of the Minutes from the June 12, 2024 meeting

-Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dan Childs explained that problems with a Library check and bank error resulted in a bank payment for a personal expense. This error has been noted, reported to Library and Town Officials, and resolved within 72 hours with Library funds returned. Documentation has been provided to show this.

In other news, Library funds remain stable. Dan will send Emily financial statements for review this month.

-Librarian's Report: Laura reports that our Library has been exceptionally busy this summer with folks borrowing materials directly from our Library, through ILL and through LIBBY. Passes for various venues have also been borrowed and used regularly. The addition of the patio offers a safe and central location for people to gather outside, a wonderful addition to the services we offer.

Dan O'Brien has passed on 4 boxes of books to a bookstore in Boston, run by and for an organization for at risk youth. They seem amenable to continue to receive books from us in the future, giving us an outlet for discarded books.

Laura reports a wonderful presentation by Kathy Elkind although attendance was sparse (12 people). We currently advertise our events through FPF, Facebook, The Herald, and flyers. What else can we do to promote programs? Ideas include using FPF in Northfield, Williamstown, Barre and Montpelier. We also questioned continuing programming if turnout continues to be low, especially in summer when folks are otherwise busy.

-Laura worked with Amy from Kimball Library on the Ice Cream Social held June 23 at the OTH. It was a success in distributing ice-cream but possibly less so in offering information on community resources.

-Laura has ordered a new OPEN flag!

-Patio Recap: It is an amazing addition to our Community. Brad is happy (in his modest way) about the slate plaque acknowledging his wonderful work. Laura will

contact Barb Schaedler about landscaping around the patio and steps area and, if interested, will ask her to submit a plan and estimate for this. Laura will also liaise with Tim Higgins and Keith Sprague to assure safe plowing around the base of the steps in the winter.

-New Business: 2 upcoming events - August 15 is a program on Wild Bees of Vermont. Dan Childs will open the OTH at 6:30, Amy will help with chairs. August 19 is our Hands on Science program. Emily and Susan will be on site to help Tom Allen with this program.

-Next BFPL Trustee Meeting - October 10, 2024 @ 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted: Amy S Borgman