

**Minutes of the Tenney Library Trustees,**

**April 9, 2014**

*Present:* Lea, Sachs. Keyes. Kidder, Calley, Lindsley (librarian)

The President called the meeting to order at 7:04

The minutes were approved as written.

***Treasurer's Report***

The treasurer reported that the library's equity was just shy of \$24,000 ahead of last year's.

The treasurer moved that the budget be amended to reflect the increase in the town's subvention and the resulting increase in payroll expenditure. Motion carried.

***Amazon Smile Program:***

The library is now part of that program. Anyone signing in should designate Tenney Library as his/her favored charity, and ½ cent will be donated on every dollar.

***New Business***

***Art Sale***

We might either have the sale in September during the Newbury Music Festival or, perhaps more aptly, at the church's Fall Festival.

***Libri Foundation Grant***

The grant is two-for-one. You give Libri, say, \$350 and they offer \$1050 worth of books from their list of award-winning books. Tenney Fest will be the sponsor, and a book plate in each book will read "Sponsored by Tenney Fest and the Libri Foundation."

Trustee Kidder will get the volunteers' list of suggestions to the librarian, who will then decide which books to order via the Libri Foundation's program.

***Spring Cleaning—April 12***

The clean-up will go on from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Librarian's Report***

Volunteer Peg Hastings has continued her cataloguing work, while Nancy Hassam has done a thorough cleaning of tables, windowsills, wainscots, doors, clock, etc, and Caroline Ninninger has helped with labeling of books. Story Time in March drew 12 children. The librarian will seek more volunteers to read at Story Time. Sue Showalter has been an exemplary volunteer for Story Time.

The librarian intends to take a variety of books to Newbury Elementary School so that students can check them out there.

The Garnett collection has been moved into the "new" wing of the library, and its books are starting to circulate.

The library owns the full *OED*, which will be available as reference but not on loan.

The library's Vermont reference books and records are now housed in a portion of the librarian's office.

The trustees will consider transforming the meeting room into a more commodious venue, shelving new books where the Garnett collection had been shelved. (This is, clearly, a desideratum rather than something likely to be effected soon.)

231 picture books were checked out between January and April 2014. Nonfiction books have increased too, 128 circulating in the same span. KOHA can show us how many people have checked out books since the program went live: 160 patrons.

The librarian is now updating the library's web site once a week.

### ***Old Business***

#### ***Long Term Plan for Library Finances.***

- a) This item will be reserved for substantial discussion at the August meeting.
- b) Trustee Keyes reported that not long ago, there was widespread theft from the Vermont Historical Society, though the crime seems not to have affected Tenney's contributions. The suspected thief appears to have taken his own life.
- c) "Read to Your Bunny" will continue whether or not a grant is forthcoming.
- d) Craig Hervey will need to assess the needs for tiles, replacement/repair of which will be funded by the town.
- e) Trustee Sachs spoke of the Gladys Brooks Foundation, which gives substantial grants (\$50,000-100,000) for library projects, and he suggested the foundation be asked to fund better access to the downstairs portion of the library and refurbishment of the downstairs space, but invited other suggestions from the board.

### ***Tenney Fest***

Division of labor was agreed upon with regard to set-up, take-down, food and drink, etc. Various trustees will see to the display of posters in the region.

Trustee Sachs will contact Steve Gale with regard to music and sound system.

Trustees Sachs and Eaton will see to the 50-50 raffle.

Trustee Lea will write thanks and acknowledgments.

Trustee Kidder will circulate lists of prospective in-kind business donors and sponsors, as well as individual prospects, and fellow trustees will check off those with whom they may have some influence.

### ***June Meeting set for the 11<sup>th</sup>.***