

Friends of the Ainsworth Public Library
March 5, 2020

Meeting brought to order by ilene elliott at 6:02 PM.

PRESENT: Karen Bell, Glen Townsend, ilene elliott, Ricky Towle, Sarah Snow

SECRETARY'S REPORT: One change was made to the January 9th meeting minutes with correction of the spelling of a name. Glen made a motion to accept the January minutes and Ricky seconded. Motion approved.

TREASURE'S REPORT: Prizes for the Winter Reading Program have been purchased. The 990-N postcard required for small exempt non-profit organizations has been filed with the IRS. The corporate certificate for non-profits has been filed with the state of VT and the list of officers was updated. (\$20.00 fee). Glen made the motion to accept the treasure's report and Karen seconded. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

May FUNdraiser Under the Tent (planned for the day of the Williamstown Memorial Day Celebration & Parade)

The following items will be sold:

- Plants donated to the Friends of the Ainsworth Library by Marsha Martin will each have a prize tag
- Cookies and books will be sold by donation (No donated books will be accepted for sale- only books weeded out from the library will be sold)
- A small quilt and some quilting books will be raffled

Three open-sided tents will be used provided by Karen Bell, Eileen Corriveau, and the library. Cookie bakers and people to work the day of the sale are needed. The date for the event is not yet known.

Librarian's Report:

Sarah's suggestion to post the monthly meeting agenda and the meeting minutes on the library's webpage was approved. ilene will send both agenda and minutes to Sarah for her to add to the website. Sarah also reminded the group that there is a Facebook page for the Friends group. Glen will get the password for that.

The library budget passed at Town Meeting. Thank you voters of Williamstown.

The party for the Winter Reading Program will be held Saturday, March 14th. This year students from Williamstown Elementary School could count their school library reading time as well as their reading at home.

Although "*Story Time*" at the library was suspended during January and February due to limited parking because of snow, there was a special "*Story Time Birthday Party for Glen*" on

February 8th that welcomed 14 children and 14 adults. The group agreed that the strong attendance was evidence that “*Story Time*” is appreciated as a value resource for the community. Good news: because of less snow this year to infer with parking and getting little ones safely in and out of cars, “*Story Time*” is returning March 11th.

Upcoming events:

- Spiritual discussion group
- Creative Journal Writing workshop
- A taste of the Gaelic Language workshop (with traditional scones)
- Dorothy’s List coordinated with Williamstown Elementary School librarian
- Author visit with Paul Searls

Discussion regarding grant for building book bins on wheels for the children’s books to address safety and accessibility. Sarah discussed this project as well as increased shelving for behind the librarian’s desk with two contractors. The group decided to invite one of the contractors to the next meeting to discuss cost and design. ilene will call the contractor and do further research on the grant requirements.

Glen made a motion and Ricky seconded it to table discussion of the New Friends logo design to a later date.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Glen suggested a Cookout be held for all volunteers, employees, trustees, and Friends (approximately 30 people) Discussion resulted in the group wondering if people would attend given busy schedules and other commitments. The group decided to ask for input from volunteers, trustees, and employees. What do you think?

Glen reminded the group that “Certificates of Appreciation” are scheduled to be given members of the Friends group in September for their years of service.

ADJOURNMENT:

Glen made the motion, seconded by Ricky to adjourn at 7:04 PM.
The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 2, 2020 @ 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
ilene elliott