

**Belgrade Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
October 5, 2023  
7 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Stacy Whitcomb-Smith, Dianne Dowd, Anne Stocco, Stu McConnell, Susan Reisert, Kristen Evans, Lani Carlson, and Jared Bond; Katherine Tagtemeier (absent). Judy Johnson from the Friends of the Library was present as well.

Call to Order at 7 pm. Dianne made the call to order.

**1. Review**

- a. Approval of minutes of September 2023 meeting notes. Stacy made a motion, Lani seconded, passed unanimously.
- b. Library Director's Report – Jared. Lots of activity this month, including new patrons (new residents). Several computer tech questions. See directors notes.
- c. Friends of the Library Report – Judy. They approved bylaws on 9/20/23. Changes include meeting only 4 time per year and one annual fundraiser (book sale), and hire help to move books for the book sale. Will still collect membership dues and have annual appeal for donations.

**2. New Business**

- a. New Chair position. Maureen has resigned effective 9/15/23. Dianne can cover for 6 months but then has to step down after meeting out her trustee term limits. Chair role: prepare agenda, lead meetings, act as liaison between library, town and trustees. Stu made a motion for Dianne to be interim chair, Stacy seconded.
- b. Need an additional trustee now (replace Maureen), and we need to add 2 in Spring potentially (replace Dianne, Stacy).
- c. Budget for next year. Reviewed already with Director's report. Discussion of magazine subscriptions. Jarod will check in newspaper/magazine digital subscription. Interest in 2 new desk chairs, and he will purchase a few DVD/audio players for lending also. Will into revising text in by-laws to ensure it includes new items.

**3. Old Business**

- a. Status of Belgrade Reads poster. Dianne is working on it, nothing new to report.
- b. Fall/winter/spring events.
  - i. Jenny Boylan not available due to upcoming commitments.
  - ii. No events scheduled yet.
  - iii. Consider combining efforts with Recreation department for winter activities.
  - iv. The Telling Room is available to do a program (Stu). Can we do a collaborate a few groups, diversity group at MHS and race/relations book club. Event could be 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November. Stu will check.

- c. Community Read for 2024. Dianne will not be on the board for this next year. Focus: Maine author. The other Eden (Paul Harding). We'll keep talking about it next month.
- 4. Next Meeting: 7 p.m. Thursday, November 2

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. Lani made a motion to adjourn, and Stu seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Humbly submitted,

Lani Carlson, Acting Secretary

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