

**Belgrade Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2023**

Attendees: Stacy Whitcomb-Smith, Jared Bond, Dianne Dowd, Charlotte Saxl, Stu McConnell, and Lani Carlson. Linda Sprague from the Friends of the Library was present as well. Maureen Milliken and Katherine Tagtemeier were not in attendance. (We are down 2 trustee members at this time).

Call to Order at 6:59 pm. Maureen made the call to order.

1. Review

- A. 1. Review minutes from April 2023 meeting: The Friends yard sale is 6/10/23, not 6/11/23. Dianne made a motion to accept as amended, Stu seconded. Passed unanimously
- B. Library Director's Report – Jared reported monthly activity of checkout, clients and YouTube views. Book Bingo is going well, and Jared has ordered supplies for the Collaborative Summer Learning Program.
- C. Friends of the Library Report – Linda.
 - a. They are going to have parking lot lines painted and looking at getting driveway repaired.
 - b. The yard sale is 6/10/23 and the Book sale is 7/4/23.
 - c. They are talking with Native Notions to clean gardens and replace the tree
 - d. Please let the Friends know about Doiran reception info (6/29 at CFAS)

New Business

- A. Discussion of strategy to post events (Maureen is also on the communications committee, which is discussing this as town-wide issue, particularly town website calendar).
 - Our plan is to continue to use FB and IG. We need to get all this info to Charlotte for IG.
 - Ask Jarod to update the Library page on the town website.
 - Updating the library's page on the town website to reflect the current board of trustees, 2023 community read, etc.
 - Add info about Community Reads author visit (Andrew Vietze 8/25/23 at 6 pm)
- B. Student trustee

Charlotte Saxl as the student trustee ends this June. Annie Stocco will be offered the possibility to take over, Charlotte will invite her to the June 1 mtg. The plan will be to decide and vote at this meeting and make the transition to start in July.
- C. Paul Doiron event – funded by the LeBun funds (for Maine authors)
 - Request by Maureen to have it catered for a meet and greet at Paul Doiron event (this is big deal – national author coming two days after book is published)

- There was discussion and questions: Who is invited to this? Who is paying? What's the budget? We'll talk at the next meeting.

Old Business

- A. Change to library hours – Jared. Nothing new
- B. Status of salary/surplus issue – Jared.
Still unresolved. Jared got his pay increase approved, but not the staff. Jared will ask to be placed on the Select Board agenda, to address this again. He did not go last month. Jared doesn't think it will change anything. Trustees believe it's important to advocate for staff raise, we can attend the next Select Board meeting if given the date.
- C. Status of finding new members – Dianne. Nothing new. We will each reach out to 2 people. Information to share: must be a resident, we meet 1/month, from 7-8 pm on Thursday, with 10 meetings per year required. We'll discuss it again next month.
- D. Any other non-event topic old business. None.

Review of the status of summer events:

- A. Paul Doiron -- Maureen is working with Renee Cunningham on marketing. Renee donating copies of his new book, and other stuff, for five raffled door prizes. We are working with her to strategize on social media blast as soon as we get a couple of details from his publicist. Maureen will have an update on specific event format etc. at June 1 meeting.
- B. Community Reads – Dianne and Jared are working on programs. People are liking the book. Book title: *This Wild Land: Two Decades of Adventure as a Park Ranger in the Shadow of Katahdin* by Andrew Vietze.
- C. Special mammoth tusk book event in collaboration with Belgrade Historical Society.
 - Mystery Tusk (Gary Hoyle)
 - Locals worked on this project (Bob & Sandy Lewis)
 - 8/2/23 (Wednesday) at 6 pm at Library.
- D. Belgrade history book signing with Eric Hooglund
 - Images of America, Belgrade Lakes Region (March 2023)
 - Date TBD

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm. Stacy made a motion to adjourn, and Stu seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Humbly submitted,

Lani Carlson, Acting Secretary

Next Meeting: 7 p.m. Thursday, June 1