**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**
   1. Approval of minutes of September 2023 meeting notes. Stacy made a motion, Lani seconded, passed unanimously.
   2. Library Director’s Report – Jared. Lots of activity this month, including new patrons (new residents). Several computer tech questions. See the Directors notes.
   3. 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**
   1. 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. The motion passed unanimously.
   2. Need an additional trustee now (replace Maureen), and we need to add 2 in Spring potentially (replace Dianne, Stacy).
   3. 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**
   1. Status of Belgrade Reads poster. Dianne is working on it, nothing new to report.
   2. Fall/winter/spring events.
      1. Jenny Boylan not available due to upcoming commitments.
      2. No events scheduled yet.
      3. Consider combining efforts with Recreation department for winter activities.
      4. 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 1st or 2nd week of November. Stu will check.
   3. 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 adjournedat 8:10 pm. Lani made a motion to adjourn, and Stu seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Humbly submitted,

Lani Carlson, Acting Secretary