Windham Town Library Trustees Meeting

Friday, October 23, 2020

Note: Meeting was via Zoom

Present: Maureen Bell, Chris Dunkle, Eileen Widger, John Hoover

Absent: Cynthia Kehoe

Meeting called to order: 12:02 pm

Budget discussion for 2021:

 Treasurer has suggested 500.00 for regular stipend and 700.00 for fiber optic internet service;

 Town Treasurer was requested to determine who is currently paying the VTel account for phone and

 internet service;

 Trustees agreed that if the library is not paying any part of the VTel bill then the 700.00 fiber stipend

 is not needed;

 Maureen agreed to follow up with the Town Treasurer concerning who is paying the VTel bill.

Susan Persa’s donation to the library:

 Susan has a number of historical documents that she would like to store in the library;

 Maureen mentioned that there is some historical material in the lobby;

 Chris suggested clearing a shelf in the library proper;

 John responded that the issue was disposing of material removed from the library;

 John suggested and it was agreed that the magazines be reduced on the shelf in the lobby

 and space be reserved for historical documents;

 Eileen Widger agreed to remove and recycle magazines currently on the shelf in the lobby.

How and when to re-open the Library to the public:

 Discussion about opening the library for normal hours or by appointment;

 Eileen suggested that the library be opened at a specific time staffed by a trustee on a rotating

 schedule; the other trustees did not feel comfortable with this idea;

 Trustees agreed to limit the opening to by appointment only.

Book Club suggestions for 2021:

 John raised the concern about choosing new books for book group due to the cost versus choosing

 older books that can be purchased used at lower cost;

 Chris suggested that there are a lot of good books 3 or 4 years older that could be chosen;

 John went through the proposed list of books and the costs for each;

 Trustees agreed to order 2 copies of the following books:

 The Bluest Eye

 The Long Petal of the Sea

 The Last Train to Key West;

 and one copy of each of the following:

 A Gentleman In Moscow

 The Book of Longings

 The Splendid and the Vile

 The Evening and the Morning.

 Maureen suggested and it was agreed to start with A Gentleman in Moscow for January.

Meeting adjourned: 12:40 pm