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## **Worthen Library**

Monthly Meeting – Board of Trustees

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

### **Attending:**

Board members: Ken Kowalewitz, Natalie Kendrach, Kristen Bartle, Luke Tremble

Library Director: Keagan Calkins

Members of the public: none

Call to order @ 6:07 PM

### **Preliminary Business**

- **Review payment orders for approval:** Summary of Bills circulated to the board for review.
- **Agenda adjustments:** Ken Kowalewitz (KK) asks if there are any adjustments to the agenda.
- **Public Comment:** None
- **Review and accept the minutes from the previous monthly meeting:** The minutes from the May 10, 2022 meeting were brought for approval. KB motioned that the minutes be accepted. LT seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

**Library Director's Report:** Report submitted by Keagan Calkins (KC), reviewed by Board (see full report attached).

- Fun facts from the state about the Courier system:
  - Total items sent in the courier: 114,854
  - Total items received in the courier: 115,985
  - Estimated USPS Cost Without Courier: 114,854 items x \$3.03 per item = \$348,007.62.
  - Cost Under Courier = \$96,774.63
  - = **Total estimated savings to Vermont libraries: \$251,232.99**
- We have spent all the original ARPA money to purchase: two red rolling bookshelves for early chapter books, two 60" bookshelves for children's biographies, and film production equipment.
- The new 60" bookshelves will be put together by two volunteers later this week.
- With the new ARPA there was a push from the state to purchase books about New Americans and the New American Experience. We have a list of titles to purchase.
- Patron complaints about parking at the library have been on the uptick.
- We choose three winners for the first annual Passion Project they are: Alex Frank for his computer mapping of Minas Tirith, Sam Hayward for his chess tournament, and Daniel Jackson for his woodworking project
- Marguerite Althoff has begun as a Library Assistant for the summer, and she is a welcoming and knowledgeable presence in the library

- Kids non-fiction books now have a new labeling system with clear stickers and a label key

Statistics strong across most categories with some slightly lower than 2021, most likely due to easing of pandemic restrictions. See Library Director's Report posted online.

### **Old & Ongoing Business**

Development Committee Report: The brochure fundraising mailing is starting to produce results. Of the gifts that have come into date so far, half are new donors.

Total raised year to date is \$39,395.

We have not officially heard from Sanders office regarding the request for solar panels.



Worthen Society celebration will be held Saturday evening July 23, 5-7 pm for all donors.

Strategic Plan Update: So far there have been 65 responses to the survey put out by the Trustees. Results will be summarized and available for view. Drawings were held for five Wally's gift cards. Results will also be shared with the Development and Marketing group.

High School Bus: Still no final word from the high schools.

### **New Business:**

Fourth of July Parade: There will be a Library float. Heidi is designing it and will work with students to paint the boards for the float.

Agreed to skip the August meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 @ 6:00 pm**

- **Ken**
- **Luke**
- **Liz**
- **Keagan**
- **Kristen**
- **Natalie**