

Minutes of Quechee Library Trustees' Meeting September 11, 2023

Attendance: David Izzo, Tommy Bauch, Debbie Marcus, Mark Bradley, Bill Eastwood, Jim Schmidt, Kate Schaal

Public commentary:

Bob - no comment

Treasurer's Report:

No major item. Payroll Budget will be a little less because of the turnover of the assistant librarian position.

Many generous donations have been received in memory of Miriam Greenwald, a very active library patron.

The transition from First Light (FiberConnect) to EC Fiber is complete following Dave's additional work that included a new switch and a new wireless access point

Book sales have been continuous and solid.

Director's report:

Judy Wiggin has been nearly single-handedly making the book sale run as the volunteer coordinator of it. George has been pivotal in helping sort through book donations.

The physical effort of the booksale vs. the dollar value is questionable. The volume is such that we will try "Book for a Buck Fridays" to see if we can move some volume

Michaela plans to conclude her Dartmouth position and add hours here as well as start an MLIS degree program.

George and Michaela are both interested in fostering more activity at Wilder. Would like to add back the Wednesday afternoon hours that went away at COVID. If we're amenable, we can start to do that this Fall. We'll start in a week or two and evaluate.

Can we figure out a way to compensate Dave for all the time he's spent on switching the EC Fiber over as well as his normal duties re payroll and treasurer? Huge thank you to Dave.

EC Fiber can provide access to Wilder. Hopefully Nick will response quickly. Until it transitions we'll be carrying the First Light bill w/o the federal rebate.

The Alex Prudhomme book reading of *Dinner With Presidents* will take place on Oct. 15 and will include refreshment and a concurrent children's program.

Select board member Mary Erdei stopped by and was selling her friend's book to all the libraries. This provided a conversation opportunity about the Hartford libraries, their relationships and the damage done by last year's budget process.

Debbie is now facilitating the monthly Bugbee book discussions. Mark noted folks were pleased and thanked, Debbie. She noted there's a very active participant who's house-bound and appreciates the hybrid format. We are aided by Alec at Bugbee in providing that additional access.

A Rotary grant was received for buying portable easels.

Discussion with Friends this morning re children's holiday workshops. Susan Shimko suggested kids making crafts for seniors as well as themselves. Mark offered to send them home with the Meals on Wheels deliveries to 90 folks. We will also send cards offering home deliveries of books.

Kate noted we will be participating in the community cares/ community shares when folks volunteer at non-profits for a day.

New Business:

Dave: I think it'd be great to do something for Marieke. All agreed.

Next meeting on 10/09/2023