

Easton Library Board Meeting
July 31, 2023 @ 6:30PM

In Attendance : Linda Borden, Jennifer DeCarlo (Director), Mary Jane Connor, Nellie Lovenduski, Kevin Sheehan, Peter Read, Abby Henderson, Patricia McFee (absent)

Approval of meeting minutes from June 12th. Minutes reviewed and approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Report reviewed. Kevin motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, Abby second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: Updated board on discussions around editing the Meeting Room Policy.

Director's Report:

6/21/2023: The Dairy Princess Ambassador, Serena Drost, came to our last story hour of the year. Serena passed out Battenkill Creamery chocolate milk to the kids while Nadia gave each child a home-made chocolate chip cookie. Serena also gave each story hour child a "Discover Dairy" activity book to take home.

Monday July 3rd at 10 AM, completed a walk through with the architects and building committee.

Three wonderful ladies weeded the library gardens and planted 4 large flower planters and smaller annuals (donated). The library looks splendid!

7/13/2023: Photography on the Farm workshop had 11 people total. This program was geared towards ages 10 and up. The purpose was hoping to encourage kids and adults alike, to bring more exhibits to the fair this year. Clifford Oliver Mealy, the photographer, took a field trip to Slate River Farms following the workshop.

7/18/2023: Emily Crawford taught a program about how to Paint Your Pet to a group of 10 youngsters. This was the second program that was done in collaboration with the Washington County Fair, in hopes to encourage kids to submit artwork to the fair this year. Abby Henderson helped do the required frames for entry on the Paint Your Pet, and other submissions with people walking in.

Tri-County Literacy has been frequenting the library. We are happy to have them!

Norman Hansen from the Barn at Hansen Hill Farm loaned two beautiful barn fans for use at Burton Hall.

7/26/2023: The Live Raptor program presented by Trish Marki was a huge success. 55 people were at the program Wednesday afternoon. It was a very educational and fun presentation! So grateful for Mr. Hansen's fans.

7/25/2023: Jan Blomgren from Windflower Farm donated two gorgeous flower arrangements. Mary Jane's sister sponsored the floral arrangements for the library.

August 7: Story Laurie at Burton Hall

August 9: Library Open House

Old Business:

- Bylaw committee: work in progress.
- Mary Jane working on John O'Brien recognition.
- The bush trimming is still a work in progress.
- Peter discussed Cyber Liability Insurance. Will gather more information.
- Jeff Moses is trying to help us with our square base and round post for our new lamppost!
- Linda motions to pressure wash the library, Kevin second the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- Will review Chromebook Lending Policy at next meeting.

New Business

- Peter motions to purchase mulch. Kevin second the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- Reminder to schedule budget meeting for the end of August.
- Linda, Kevin, and Mary Jane to reach out to meet with board members of the Greenwich Library.

The next meeting will be August 28th, at 6:30PM.

Peter motioned to adjourn the meeting. Abby second the motion, motion approved unanimously.