

Friends of the Brooks Memorial Library Board Meeting

Date: 10/16/24

In attendance: S. LaTronika, , S. Dyer, J. Stockman, D. Leary, D. Doiron , S. Myers,
K. O' Keefe

Guest: (Trustee) Joyce Sullivan via Zoom

Call to order: @ 4:32

1. Minutes of the September meeting: reviewed and accepted

2. Treasurer's Report: Dayle (see separate report for details)

Opening Balance on 9/1/24: \$ 72,650.43

Closing Balance on 9/30/24: \$ 74, 238.38

3. Presidents' Report: Sue

. Congratulations to Starr and the staff for the American Rescue and Protection Act, VT Department of Libraries grant approval of \$1,600. This will be used for capital improvements (e.g. new insulated roof, solar panels, fixing the generator, etc.)

4. Website Update: Janice (see attached sheet with specifics on her recommendations)

- . Our current website was assessed and Janice developed a number of questions/suggestions on how to improve the site
- . move the Mission Statement to the top of the Home Page
- . delete past events as soon as possible
- . add a Technology category
- . list Museum passes
- . add a Purpose statement to the Home Page
- . describe the Subscription services like Kanopy, Libby, etc.
- . expand the Calendar page
- . keep the Donate, Join, and Contact pages

Janice agreed to edit the website for an initial period of 3 months . She will meet with Matt for technical assistance.

5. Booksale Plans:

- . the book sale plans are well on their way
- . we need more boxes
- . books will be accepted until Nov. 14
- . Board members will continue to box up books

6. Words Trail Mural presentation: Kevin

- . Word Trail was started 5 years ago with a NEA grant. The map has 70-80 sites that feature Southern Vermont authors and print shops.
- . the mural was painted by Cynthia Houghton
- . The Amtrak Station will reopen in February of 2026 with kiosks that will permanently house these maps.
- . Hatch Space will built the kiosks which will be etched with tiles with a button (e.g. push the button and info. comes up about R. Kipling)
- . \$10,000 donation for the upkeep of the kiosks
- . Sunrise Rotary Club has asked that the FOBML share the maintenance of the kiosks with each group covering a 6 month period.
- . responsibilities: check to see that there are maps, lights are working.etc.

We postponed the decision until the Nov. meeting .

7. Library report and requests: Starr

- . Requested volunteers to assist with the annual "Trunk or Treat" event on Halloween

.Requests:

.Children's Room:

.\$ 300 (not to exceed) for Brattleboro Skating Rink passes
.this was approved

8. Other: No new business

Meeting adjourned at 5:38

Submitted by Diane Leary, Secretary