

Waterboro Library Trustees

August 27, 2015

Minutes

Present: Trustees, Kellie Demers, April Cote, Lynn Bilodeau and Brigit McCallum, Friends Jack Seery and librarian Ruth Blake.

Ruth's Report:

Trustees reviewed Ruth's Report. Ruth indicated Pete is planning take a wall out so that the meeting room will have a second egress in the basement. Pete needs to talk to town office once this is done to see if the basement can then be used once again.

Strategic Plan:

Discussed each section of the strategic plan:

Technology:

- Looking for the amount of computers recommended for a town the size of Waterboro at 8000 people. Brigit will email Southern Maine Library District Coordinator to see if there is a figure.
- How to improve technology access – build in study carrels and study rooms and Table space for a variety of needs

Collection;

- We Currently have 20,000 books, periodicals and materials. Minimum state standard is 40,000 books. What do we want?
- Additional professional staff with professional library skills.

Changes to be made:

Goal 2: Take out 'Nook' and put 'e-readers' and assist with their use.
Add in adult space sentence.

Other:

Discussed "pithy quotes or slogans for new sign. Lynn will invite submissions of **short** sayings on the FB page.

- Programming or cultural idea:
 - Photo invitation to take photo of everyone's "Favorite place to read" ,
 - 'Peep' Show,
 - Elf on the Shelf program.

Possible meeting with selectmen:

Looked at old New Waterboro Public Library plans and discussed square footage and usable square feet.

Jack suggested that we stop talking about square footage and more about what we want. Don't even give them a number. Set up criteria and decide if you will have a partner (eg, Parks and Rec). Architect? Make sure we have the land, is the land right for a community center? Can we get the selectmen's support? One possible arrangement if we partner with Parks and Rec is to have a shared admin space for both programs in the center and two "wings," one for each program.

Programming:

Adult programming survey: Ruth indicated there were not a lot of responses. Those that did respond indicated cooking, adult author talks, crafts and gardening were the top choices. A discussion ensued about possible authors to bring into the library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Demers and Brigit McCallum