

MINUTES LIBRARY GOVERNING BOARD: July 8, 2015 IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Golden, Chairman, Sally Lunt, Ralph Day, Claire Paquette & Jessica Meakin. Also in Attendance: Diane Nadeau, Library Director & Dawn King, Friends of the Library Representative.

Chairman, Richard Golden called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The Board reviewed the June circulation statistics. Miss Paquette noted the decline in children's books circulation. Mrs. Nadeau explained the difference from 2014 to 2015 reflects the later start in June to this Summer Reading Program. It began Tuesday, June 23rd.

Mr. Day noted that more than 500 hours of patron computer time was provided to patrons and "guests" in the month of June. The Board members agreed that the computer services provided by the library are important to the Lisbon community.

The Governing Board was given an update on the success of the "Walk on the Wild Side of Maine" summer reading program. Mrs. Meakin noted that attendance of the June 23rd "kickoff" Owls of Maine program was well attended. Mrs. Nadeau noted that Councilor Peske and Town Manager, Diane Barnes attended the first program and were impressed with the quality and educational value of the program. Mr. Peske asked to be kept informed throughout the summer.

The report also noted the following local businesses for their generous gifts/donations in support of the Summer Reading Program: Ken Kas Corp., Lisbon Credit Union, Don's Automotive, Rick Mason Construction, Maine Recycling Corp. and Fern's Auto Shop.

Mrs. Lunt noted the report included a staff update. Hannah Stritch, the 2015 Summer Intern, joined the staff in June and will support the Children's Services and Summer Reading Program. Miss Paquette noted the extra help will benefit the children. The report also noted that Debbie Meroff resigned from the library staff in June. Mr. Golden, Governing Board Chairman, thanked Miss Meroff for her service at a time when the library was in need of extra help.

The report gave an update on the library building. It was noted that the Children's Garden has become popular with families who visit the library. Miss Paquette asked about the maintenance of the lawn and garden area since Verla Brooks' retirement. Mrs. Nadeau informed the Board that Mark Stevens and his staff has successfully taken over these duties and the area looks good. Mrs. Lunt noted that Town Councilors approved the bid for the library brickwork. Mrs. Nadeau informed the board that the work will begin in September and take a few weeks to complete. All agreed the brickwork will improve the building significantly and extend the life of a local historical building. Mr. Golden asked that the board be kept updated in this matter.

There was not "old or new business" to take care of therefor the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

The next Library Governing Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 6:30 PM. The meeting is held at the Lisbon Library and is open to all Lisbon citizens.

Respectfully submitted: Diane Nadeau, Library Director

