

Minutes of the BFPL Trustee Meeting, September 13, 2023

Present and Voting: Amy Borgman, Dan Childs, Emily Noyes, Susan O'Brian, Starr Strong

Present and Not Voting: Laura Roachat (Librarian)

AMENDMENT to the Minutes of the July 19, 2023 Trustee Meeting: The name of the student who received the Anna Clark Jones Scholarship is Logan Margison, not Magison, as was previously reported. Correction noted and minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dan reports no significant change in the Library's financial picture. Emily has reviewed the financial information and confirms this information.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Laura reports that new patrons, singly, in pairs and with families, have been flocking to the BFPL. Demand for museum passes has also been steady. Our Library has been busy lately. We have finally received a courier grant to help with the costs of ILL, the demand for which continues to be brisk.

LANDSCAPING DISCUSSION: Laura and Amy met with local stonemason Christian Hahn to discuss his idea for a stone patio outside the Library. The Board agreed that his ideas were a match to ours but thought we needed to contact other stonemasons for other designs and bids. Amy will follow up with this and contact the Board with further information.

PROGRAMMING UPDATES:

Mushroom Foraging: Although the Library's attempts to offer this program were unsuccessful there will be a similar program offered in Town.

BES Kindergarten Field Trip to the Library: As there is now a new Principal at the School Laura will again offer this opportunity to the school.

Deconstruction Event: This now annual event will be held at the OTH Monday evening Sept 25 from 6-7:30. Bill Donnolly will again be on hand to help children rip into appliances and gadgets to see how the (used to) work. He also supplied the event with safety glasses for the children.

James Crews Presentation: Susan will contact this local Author to see if he can reschedule this event

Knitting with Children: MaryLou Maeder has graciously agreed to once again offer this skill-building program to a limited number of children this Fall

Sunday Knitting for Adults: MaryLou will again join us for this First and Third Sunday evening drop-in group beginning in October.

Sketching from Nature: Laura will contact Susan Sawyer about this potential program.

FACEBOOK UPDATE: Susan has been posting information and photos about the Library and our events