

Stony Creek Free Library Minutes for Tuesday January 12, 2021

Attendees: Jennifer Doll, Adrian Bode, Ronda Thomas, Rebecca Gordan, Cherie Brooks, Sandy Watson Guests: Tammy Bruns, Katie-Jo Fisk, & Lisa Brennan

The meeting was called to order @ 6:02 by Jennifer Doll. The Minutes from 12-8-2020 were voted approved after a motion by Jen and seconded by Adrian. Sandy corrected Lisa's last name to Brennan (not Jackson).

Financials : General Fund \$34,623.25. Noted the Annual Appeal is doing well ~\$2,200. rec'v in 2020 and \$415.00 @ this point in 2021. Envelope and postage expenses are pending and the act to include letters to seasonal residents is proving beneficial.

Directors Report: (see copy) Noted the effects of the holidays (Dec) on patron visits were lower yet there was an increase in circulation check outs. The Director shared the interaction with SALS re: the local complaint about COVID concerns. The Library will continue to make plans for future programming and follow COVID precautions. The Board approved the use of Tammy's time on Fridays (4-6p) while the library is operating on this abbreviated schedule of 2x/wk.

Fundraising: Feb. – chocolate covered strawberry sales; Cherie will come up with a promo, there will be pre-sale only on berries with pick-up on Fri. 2/12 during regular Library hrs.

Building and Grounds: Snow removal – town plows the front, Rebecca will get more salt for the front walk. Bathroom walls->patching is pending and painting can be done after that (please contact patron, Maddie MacKenzie, she volunteered to paint).

Correspondence & Communications: Obtained the E-mail addresses from the new board members: Lisa Brennan: LisaBrennan66@gmail.com & Katie-Jo Fisk: ktrobby@yahoo.com

Progress is being made with Thank-yous. Rec'vd letter of resignation from Cindy Cameron – Jen made the motion to accept the letter and it was seconded by Sandy, motion was carried.

Rec'vd 2 Letters of Interest and Intent to join the Board – 1) Katie-Jo Fisk (motion was made to accept the letter from Jen and seconded by Cherie) and 2) Lisa Brennan (motion was made to accept by Adrian and seconded by Cherie)- each motion was carried. The Board is considered full. The Attendance policy was reviewed by Adrian. Noted we need to obtain more copies of the trustee Handbook to share with the recent members (4). Next mtg is set for Tues 2/9/2021.

Old/Unfinished Business: School District Ballot. Jen never heard back from Regina York- she will follow-up. Looking for information re: petition to be on the future ballot – timeframes and procedures need to be learned so we may make progress here.

SCFL website is to be evaluated for an update.

New Business: Cherie to help Rebecca with updating contact info of members, etc.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jen and seconded by Sandy @ 6:53P

Respectively Submitted; Sandy Watson

Library Report
January 12, 2021
Rebecca Gordon

December 2020 Statistics

Circulations:

Check Outs 215
Renewals 18
Total 233

Patrons:

Adults 49
Children 14
Computer 4
Reference 0
Programs 13 (4A/9K)

New items Cataloged: 42

Loans Sent: 264

Loans Received: 32

New Library Cards: 1

Holds: Placed 31 Filled 23 Cancelled 10 Unclaimed 0

- Showed Elf on Dec 4th with 5 kids and 4 adults attending
- Cancelled next movie night due to local complaint to SALS that we were doing in person programming and people weren't in masks 100% of the time
- As a result of phone call from Sara Dallas (director of SALS) we suspended all in person programming until further notice
- People want Crafty Creekers back!
- Patron visits have declined even though check outs have increased
- We are continuing to stay on top of new releases but only a few people visit regularly in person to browse collection
- I think we should consider getting the entire collection of Dana DeLeon books. People love them!
- Tammy Bruns will start to work on Friday's from 4-6 pm (to keep up to date on the system) on Friday, January 6th. She will be "on call" any other times.
- MANY other libraries have went to curbside only. We did ZERO curbside in the late spring, early summer when we tried
- The cooler continues to do great. It's overflowing (with excess in basement freezer)