

Deering Library Board of Trustees
762 Deering Center Road
Deering, New Hampshire 03244

Minutes of 02 Jan 2017

Trustees present: Chairman Gary Samuels, Cynthia Krill

Also present Deering Resident Susan Bearor

Chairman Samuels called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

Correspondence: See 'donation' below.

Old Business: The Holiday Party was reviewed. Low turnout (estimated 20 children) was a concern but for those who attended the afternoon of crafts, music and Santa had a very good time.

New Business:

A donation to the Deering Public library of \$250.00 was received from Granite State Pioneer Club (Weare, NH).

The bulk of the meeting consisted of a discussion about the future of a public library in Deering. There was a general frustration at the fact that the library has become more of an organizing office for children's parties than as a functioning library. A suggestion that was made at an earlier meeting by Cynthia Krill that book kiosks be located around town in places such as Town Hall, Fire stations and Ox Bow Campground was again taken up. The books in these kiosks would be taken from library shelves and, while users would be encouraged to return the books, there would be no accountability. Samuels noted that most of the books in the library have never been taken out, or at most once or twice so there would be no loss if books were not returned to the kiosks. The discussion included how to determine whether Deering residents actually want a library and it was decided that two possible ways to determine this are (1) to devise a questionnaire that would be available at the time of town meeting and elections, and (2) to propose an outrageously expensive library item to be included in the 2018 budget so as to generate discussion at town meeting. Susan Bearor agreed to help with developing a questionnaire at the February meeting. Cynthia proposed book clubs such as a cook book club. Susan said that it is possible to receive *gratis* books for such clubs from publishers and she provided a web site. The possibility of opening the library at more convenient times was suggested because current open times, during business hours, might not be suitable for many users who work during the day.

Access to Antrim library. Samuels reported that following a meeting with Antrim librarian and a letter to Antrim library trustees, Deering residents have been granted full access to the resources of the Tuttle Library in Antrim. This includes access to NH State library electronic media and 'overdrive.' Residents need only prove Deering residents to obtain a library card in

Antrim. The possibility of communicating with Hillsborough Fuller librarian or Hillsborough BOS to gain free access to Deering residents was discussed but with no conclusion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 pm, February 6. A questionnaire to be available for Town Meeting and town elections will be discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm by Chair Samuels. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 6 February to discuss the involvement of the library trustees in children's entertainment.

Respectfully submitted

Gary Samuels, Secretary

APPROVED