

## Meeting of the Trustees of Exeter Public Library

Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

1. **Call to order:** 6:05

**Roll Call:** Jennifer Medlock, Barbara Young, Katherine Boudreau, Lisa Childs-Wilson, Davis Moore, Hope Godino, Julia Lanter **Absent:** Sherry Kostenbader, Linda Tober, Sarah Zachos James, Kathy Corson

2. **Correspondence:** None

3. **Minutes of last meeting:** Barbara Young moved to accept the minutes and Lisa Childs-Wilson 2nded. All in favor.

4. **Reports:**

- a. **Director's Report** – (Hope)The Library continues to be very busy. On March 8<sup>th</sup> Seacoast Readers Theater will read new plays. On March 12 the Evening Book Group will discuss the Lady from the Black Lagoon. On March 19<sup>th</sup> the Morning Group will discuss Symphony of Secrets. Copies of books are available at the adult information desk. Movies and popcorn are on Tuesdays at 1 pm in the meeting room. Tech learning drop in sessions are every Friday. Gaming continues to be popular with two Mahjong and Bridge groups offered. Knitters meet on Mondays and the first and last Saturday of the month. Fraud Awareness with Bruce Page and Officer Mike O'Conner of the Exeter Police Department will be on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. New England Irish Harp Orchestra will perform on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Teen Scene will offer Cracker taskings, Lego, Trivia and Origami programs and continue to offer all day gaming twice a week and refreshing Fridays. March's theme is unusual sodas like blueberry and cranberry. Children's room continues its scavenger hunts and coloring pages which are very popular. Open art is every Friday. Lego, Create Club, Art Club, Game Time and Gamers Guild continue in popularity. There are now four D&D groups and three book groups, all very popular. Hope noted the staff was a wonderful staff and thanked everyone as this was her last report as Director.
- b. **Operating Statement** – (Barbara) Annual Appeal is very successful. 12, 281 . Last year was 12, 645 for the entire year, but then the cost of 4,000 for mailing had to be covered so the new format is very successful as there is now no mailing fees.
- c. **Building, Grounds, and Technology** – Nothing to report
- d. **Finance**— Nothing to report.
- e. **Long Range Plan** – (Hope) Hope suggests asking Julia Lanter to be facilitator for the upcoming Long Range Plan. Barbara asked Julia to facilitate and Julia agreed to be official facilitator for the Long Range Plan.
- f. **Personnel and Policy** –Nothing to report.
- g. **Friends** – (Jenny)Friends have 6,000 in a CD to grow funds until they are needed. Ottos Pizza fundraiser raised 500. There will be a new fundraiser sometime in 2025. The

Casino funds will now accrue over 10 days over October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> at Hampton Casino. Other potential partners is Community Oven and Regal Cinemas. The Friends agreed to pay for a Children's Juggler and Harpist and for LitFest concert. They recommend at Taste of Exeter Theme and will ask local restaurants for donations. Davis recommended a fundraiser with restaurants like Ottos, Seadog and Epic having Library Fundraisers all at the same time, like the Chamber's Burger Fest. He recommended a book theme where portions of the proceeds goes to the Library. Jenny will bring it to the next Friends meeting. Friends also donated \$150 for Teen food. They will continue to volunteer at the Spring Craft Fair.

- h. Social – (Lisa) Lisa thanked everyone for their help on Hope's retirement party. Hope said she appreciated the thought and that the afternoon was sweet. Lisa would like to host a social for staff in April during Library week, maybe on the Library Deck if weather permits.
5. **Continuing Business:** (Barbara) *Committees* – Barbara reminded that next month (March) a sheet will be passed around to assign new committee members.  
(Jenny) *Chairs* – Jenny asked anyone interested being on the next slate of Trustee Chairs, or if current chairs wished to retain their positions to contact let her know. Barbara was willing to be Treasurer. Jenny was willing to be Chair.  
Hope reminded trustees that if three or more trustees meet, it is considered a public meeting and 24 hours prior to the meeting public notice must be given. Trustees can contact the Library and staff will post any public meeting notices on the Library Door and online on the Library website. Hope reminded the Trustees that the staff will automatically post Trustee Meeting notices on the Library Website and Door the Monday morning prior to their scheduled Tuesday meetings.
6. **New Business:** Nothing to report.
7. **Public Session:** None.
8. **Next Meeting** – March 25, 2025.

**Meeting adjourned 6:23 PM:** Barbara made motion, Lisa 2nded. All in favor.