

Turner Public Library Trustees' meeting Minutes 3/5/19

**PRESENT:** Anthony Shostak, Cindy Tibbetts, Richard Gross, Bonnie McLaughlin, Richard Brown, Jen

Review/accept minutes from February 5, 2019: Motion to accept Richard G/Bonnie

**Old/New Business by Committee:**

**Events:**

**Bernd Heinrich**-March 9, 2019 Ellen has contacted corporators to help set up the room and assist with refreshments. Either Kelli or Anthony will be available to introduce him.

**Children's illustrator**-Kevin Hawkes: coordination is coming along

**Garden Seminar**-April 13, 2019. Mary Briggs will be contacting trustees/corporators before looking for help. Presentations on Bee Keeping and Flowering shrubs/support for bees. Funding by Wing-Benjamin Grant

**Finance:**

In conjunction with Portland Trust Company the account was reviewed since it had not been looked at in a while. We stand at 60/40 for our portfolio and it has been doing well. Recommendation to "stay the course" since it has been a sustainable model. The monthly withdrawal has been used to cover payroll. Not a recommendation now to look at a different change (e.g. 70/30) since it has been doing good.

**Fundraising:**

**Auction:** Committee had a meeting and discussed the auction. While it did well, it looks like the winning bids of the baskets were half of what the basket was worth. Committee suggests not doing an auction for next year because there are other new fundraising experiences in the works. Mother's Tea being held at the Blue Heron coordinated by Katreana and a gaming convention being coordinated by Kelli. Dates October 5 & 6, 2019. Focus this year is to rely less on donations and more on participation.

**Solicitation letter mail list:** Historically the library sent annual letters to card holders and local businesses. Ellen got the tax roll from Turner and Anthony had someone do data entry to develop a mailing list. Suggestion to present honorary library cards to the individual that did the data entry and to the owners of the Blue Heron to show our gratitude. The library has done good at meeting its fundraising goal for this year so we don't have to send out letters now but can monitor it. If we do have to do another fundraiser, there is money available in the Wing Benjamin Grant.

**Concert at the Church:** May 3, 2019 Shelly Rowe is coordinating this. A donation will be made to the church.

**Library Policy-Fundraising Policy:**

Kelly and Amanda have been going through the policies and it was suggested to look at re-working the fundraising policy. After discussion it was decided to keep the examples (whether they stay in the policy itself or added as an addendum) and to use the suggested streamlined policy provided by Anthony. This will be re-visited next meeting to be voted on.

**No new Business**

Discussion around town meeting which is April 6, 2019. There are two different amounts being suggested. One for the same amount we received last year and one that is higher. Discussion that there should be someone at the meeting to make a motion to accept the higher amount. Anthony will contact pat Dickinson to see if she would consider speaking on behalf of the library. Anthony has not been able to connect with Susan, chair of the building committee, regarding rental space and if TPL can access rent free.

The water has been fixed. It didn't take as long to fix as some had anticipated.

Agenda items for next meeting: Town meeting and 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration

**Next Trustees' Meeting:** April 2, 2019 at 6:00 PM

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn (Richard G/Richard B)