

**ANDES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAY 22, 2025**

Present: Susan Cole, Diane Lockspeiser, Linda Lederman, Nancy Darling, Suzanne Gladstone, Director Carol Fontaine.

Meeting was called to order at the Library by president Susan Cole at 3:00 p.m. Minutes of board meeting of March 20, 2025 were reviewed. Susan spoke with Carol about the donor list to be added to/compared with the voter registration records received from Judy Garrison so that mailing labels for the annual fundraising letter can be produced. Susan called for a motion to approve the minutes and motion was made by Diane and seconded by Linda. **Motion to approve the minutes passed. (See Attached)**

President's Report: Susan presented a proposal for the parking lot from Webster Asphalt, Inc., with a copy given to Suzanne. **(See Attached Proposal)**

She suggested having a meeting next month to compare our current donor list with the 2024 updated voter registration list.

Trustees Training - All trustees must complete two hours of training annually, and a copy of the training certificate should be placed in trustees' folder at the desk. **(See Attached President's Report)**

Director's Report:

Carol presented the Director's Report for March and April. There was significantly increased activity on Libby and the weeding out of some Patterson books is continuing. There has been an increase in adult fiction circulation. Many more books from our collection were borrowed by patrons of other libraries than the number of books requested by our patrons from other libraries.

CROP students from ACS will continue through June 14th. Storytime will continue through the summer, but will be switched from Wednesday to Tuesday. Crafters Meet-Up continues on Mondays, 2:30 - 3:45. There are currently two attendees.

Summer Fair: Carol said that help is needed to organize books for the Summer Fair/Book Sale/Bake Sale on July 12. Other activities will be tie-dying and slime making. Nancy and Susan will help organize the books for the sale. Discussion about how many tables will be needed: Diane has two, one at the library, and Susan will ask if we can use some from the firehouse. Carol and Nancy said they would bake for the Bake Sale, and signs will be made asking patrons to donate baked goods.

Grants: Carol stated we received a grant through Roxbury Arts to support the Summer Reading Program which will begin on Wednesday July 9 and end Wednesday, August 13, meeting once a week. An application for an O'Connor grant for \$10,000 was submitted for a similar proposal as the ALA application. We are responsible for 10%

through other funding (roughly \$200). This will include children who have reading deficiencies beyond dyslexia. We will hear by July 1.

Other library/staff happenings, as reported by Carol:

- Tami will give a talk on Sunday, May 24, at 3:00 p.m. , discussing her novel, "Pepacton , Novel."
- Diane Galusha will speak on Thurs., June 12 at 4pm. The title of the talk will be "Legacy Lost - Assessing the Damage in the Pepacton and Cannonsville Reservoir Basins." There will be a Talk on Ticks on Saturday, June 14, from 3-5, presented by the Garden Club.
- Mountain Madness: A Fairytale Adventure on Saturday, August 2 at 10:30 a.m.

Susan asked for a motion to approve the Director's Report. Linda made a motion and Diane seconded. **Motion to approve the Director's Report was passed. (See Attached Director's Report)**

Treasurer's Report:

Maggie was not present at the meeting, and her report was not available at the time of the board meeting. Will be presented at next board meeting and attached to these minutes. (See attached Treasurer's Report)

Old Business:

- **Board Members: Tom Navin** offered to be on the board. Nancy nominated Karen Bornarth as a board member. Suzanne and Linda approved of the prospective board members. Susan asked Nancy to invite Karen to be a board member.
- **Parking lot repairs:** Susan submitted a proposal from Webster Asphalt. **(See Attached Proposal)**
- **Outside cleanup:** Diane reported that five people attended, including two young men who did some heavy lifting, and were very happy with the chili she provided for the volunteers. There is not much leaf removal necessary, and it will be left for mulch. Weeding will be directed by Brigitte and a college student. Diane reported that the Rail Trail cleanup was not done.

New Business:

- **Flower Pots:** Carol stated that John Andrews objected to the flower pots with artificial flowers/Christmas tree near the gazebo. Flowers will be planted for Memorial Day as well as hanging baskets and planters around benches at the

- Library as well as other businesses by Stars and Stripes. Diane is currently painting bricks for in front of the Library.
- Community Day Parade: Tom and Gino will register the Library to participate in the Community Day Parade with Kathy Santoiemma, the parade organizer. Nancy said she would look into the purchase of a banner for the parade.
- Staff Meetings: Susan inquired about staff meetings. Carol said it was not formally set up as an hour to discuss library business.
- Discussion about the Public Annual Report/Financial Report. Suzanne mentioned that donations were lost last year due to the cancellation of the Garden Tour.
- Susan stated the need to reconcile the donor list with the voter list; Nancy, Susan and Diane volunteered to do this and also to remove duplicates from the list.
- The Library Summer Fair is scheduled for 7/12.
- Calico Rebellion: Susan will meet with Victoria and Mischa next week to review the grant and submit it. Decision from the Livestock Foundation should be made by June 1.
- GardenTour: Scheduled for August 9.

Susan called for a motion to adjourn. Nancy made the motion; Diane seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 4:05.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Darling
Recording Secretary

