

Dorothy Alling Memorial Library

March 10, 2025

Meeting called order at 6:30.

Present: Esther Perelman, Gerry Ortego, Barbara Mieder, Joanne Arsenault, Sophia Trigg, Bonnie Lord-Meunier, Cindy Ody-Ortego, Adriene Katz, Ann Park.

Minutes from 12/3/2024 were accepted.

Correspondence: Thank You from Jane Kearns for retirement gift, IRS filing, Vermont business filing, Benevity filing

Treasurer's report: CD: \$30, 035.28 Checking: \$24, 014.92.

Librarian's report: Our new director, Kevin Unrath, will begin on April 7th. He has experience with other local libraries and expansions, such as Pierson Library, and has worked for the Vermont Department of Libraries.

Summer Reading planning is under way! There are challenges for all ages, including adults.

The current library display has work from Friends, staff, trustees, and families.

The Whazoodles have been circulating well. Each one has a sticker to indicate it was a gift from the Friends of DAML. We have them for different age groups, 3+ through 10+, on a variety of topics.

The Golden Dome list will be released sometime in April! Once we have the list, Bonnie will reach out to the Friends to let them know and ask about audio versions for any available (and it sounds like the Friends are on board to purchase the second copy as in past years!). We will be marking these with the new stickers like the Whazoodles as well.

Images from the proposed Village Vibrancy project have been shared. There was some discussion about the Town Green, especially the performance platform, and the new spaces proposed for inside the library such as the Wiggle Room.

Little Green Light is set up. Bonnie has started inputting information from the Giving Tree fundraiser this winter. So far, she's been impressed with how easy it is to add folks and the analytics available. It does have capability to generate thank you emails or letters, although she has not turned these on at this point. It also has the ability to take credit/debit card donations; if/when the Friends are ready for this step, Bonnie can help on the back end to make sure it is set up for the Friend's preferred account.

Old Business: The holiday Gingerbread activity went well. Bonnie has teen volunteers who help with set up the day before, during the activity, and with cleanup. We had 95 attendees (52 kids and 43 adults), and roughly 75 gingerbread houses were made. We also had one teen who had been signed up who was unable to make it since she got sick — her mom asked if she could pick up the supplies instead, so we made a little goodie bag and she made hers at home. WOW – great patron service!!!!

New Business:

Treasurer submitted the 2024 Income and Expense report.

The revision of the Bylaws was discussed. We used the “sample” and our own Bylaws to draft a new version. Ann will write up what was discussed, and it will be discussed at the next meeting. Also, a discussion of a MOU (memo of understanding) might be written up to describe the relationship between the library Trustees and the Friends.

April library event: Hocus Pocus by 802 Magic at 1pm on 4/19/2025.

Book Sale 2025

Ann Larsen has agreed to oversee the sorting process.

Joanne has reserved the gym and the tables. Gerry & Joanne & Ann are continuing to collect Starbucks boxes.

Bonnie will investigate the arrangement with Thrift Books and the Boy Scout troop which helps with set up.

Tables arrive on 7/1, set up is 7/2, sale begins on 7/3 from 4-6 (3-4 for volunteers), and on 7/4 from 9-1, teardown from 1-3.

In May or June, Bonnie will investigate getting teen volunteers from the Food for Thought program to help set up the tables on 7/1.

Staff Holiday Event: Bonnie will survey the staff for a restaurant or activity and dates.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Next meeting: April 7. 7pm.