

Olive G Pettis Library, Goshen, N.H.
Minutes of Trustee Meeting
September 19, 2017
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Roll Call and approval of agenda:

Present: Bonnie Belden, Chairperson; Dorothy DeLucia, Vice Chairperson; Trisha LaBossiere, Treasurer; Cyndi Phillips, Librarian; Jonathan Purick Recording Secretary; Susan Carpenter, Trustee; Absent, Lilyan Wright, Alternate Trustee, guest Dr. Gail Paludi, Superintendent of Schools, SAU 102 (Goshen School District)

Bonnie called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. No additions to the agenda

Business:

1. **Review Minutes of August 8th:** Susan motioned and Trisha seconded acceptance of the minutes. Motion passed unanimously with corrections and additions.
2. **Treasurer's report:** Dorothy motioned to approve and Susan seconded. There is a checkbook balance of \$10,132.65, motion passed.
3. **Correspondence:** N/A
4. **Guest Speaker:** Dr. Gail Paludi: looking for a conjunction between the school and the library. She is applying for a Title 1 Grant of \$1,000 for early literacy with a focus on the parents so they become involved. Gail emphasizes a library that is very welcoming with easy access, so one of the main issues is to how to increase awareness of the many benefits the library offers. Early literacy studies continue to show how valuable this program is to children, parents, teachers, schools and society as a whole. It is proactive in avoiding potential problems for learning and assimilating later on. It also has financial benefits; it is cost effective, pliable and palatable all around. There are currently 70 students in SAU 102 and another of the benefits has proven to be more parental involvement which is very helpful to the child and increases overall awareness and cohesiveness within the family. One of the continued problems with programs is to find the best time hourly, day of the week and duration of event. Dorothy also suggested that there are usually fewer distractions away from the home and perhaps we may want to emphasize a learning experience over story time. This also affords parental follow-up when there is a learning experience for parent and the child. Gail also expressed the advantages of providing no cost programs- all supplies will be provided for the child and the parent thus the child will encourage the parents to participate at home and will want to return/repeat for continuing programs.
5. **Librarian's report:** many conferences next month, October to include: Tuesday October 10 in Concord 9-3:30; Thursday October 19 in W. Lebanon 8-5; Saturday – Monday October 21-24 for the Fall Conference; NHLA Friday November 3.
6. **Other Business:** Need to clean & reset shed.
7. **Upcoming Events:** Fire Dept Harvest Dance Saturday October 14, 3rd Saturday October 21 to build scarecrows with a story book theme with refreshments of cider and doughnuts, Trunk-a-Treat Sunday October 29.

Adjournment: Dorothy motioned and Jonathan seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm. The next meeting will be November 21st at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Purick, Secretary