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J.A.Tarbell Library
Minutes
March 7, 2022

Present: Jennifer Howe, Bob Rogers, Lou Sorrentino, Sally Curran, Brenda Cassidy

Bob called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Treasurer's report: We currently have \$16,000 in the town account and \$17,900 in the non-town account. We will pay for the homeschooling materials cart out of non-town funds. It cost \$599.00. Jen asked about the money again; why we have so much in the town account. It was explained as the running expenses for the first quarter. She stated she will not ask again.

Librarian's report: Story hour will start this Weds. March 9th. Regina has started lining up programs. She has one on contra dancing and is working on one from Audubon.

Old business: Home schooling materials – we need parents to tell us what they need. Then we had a fairly long digression on the school meeting, lack of participation etc. We will ask JP Pest to come in the late spring to assess the building on where mice may be coming in. There have been no more mice in the traps since the Feb. meeting. We will block entry but will not use poison.

New business: It was suggested to Sally by a member of the community that the library put out a monthly email newsletter. It is very difficult to find out what is going on in town as there is virtually no newspaper coverage. It was pointed out that information is available on both the town and library websites, but also that it is often not up to date. Sally said several people did not go to the school district meeting because they did not know about it. The newsletter would list all town events and meetings as well as what is new at the library. It was stated that people “should” check the websites, but also pointed out that they do not do that. The newsletter would bring the information to people rather than making them hunt for it. Regina Conrad already does a library newsletter, so we will discuss this with her when she comes back in April. It would be something people would have to sign up for and that they could opt out of easily at any time. There will be further discussion on this.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

The next meeting is Monday April 4th at 2 pm at the library.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Curran, Acting Secretary

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