



**Norridgewock Board of Library Trustees
Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2023
3:00 PM
Norridgewock Public Library – Mercer Rd.**

Present: Becky Ketchum, Jean Lancaster, Gloria Nicholson, and Librarian Kelli Dorais

Meeting opened at 3:40 PM.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Reviewed and approved

Feedback Recent Events: Learning for Oosoola Days/all events: consistently provide applications for library cards, flyer display and take-away reminder cards for upcoming events, sign-up sheet for newsletter and email reminders. Do this for 12/2 wreaths and 12/9 Stroll.

On-going Business:

- Story Time going well. New volunteers Sharon and Becky helping Kelli and Gloria.
- After School Kids: Gloria submitted a flyer to the school for distribution to K to 3, (200 flyers sent home!). Jean and Sharon assisted Kelli at the event.
- Nov. 1, first grade classes visited in three groups for the Library Tour, story, new library cards, lollipop take away
- Artist Meet & Greet: 35 people attended the event for Tammi Galbraith. Artist/author team Karen and Brett Talbott have been lined up for a January 20 meet and greet related to the book: *Chasing Shadows*

After discussion, it was decided to ask Nina to reschedule a program she had lined up for December 2. Two reasons: Impact on holiday/seasonal plans for displays inside the library and conflict with long-planned library adult program: wreath making.

- Town Stroll on December 9 from 1 to 4. 2 or 3 tables for: hot chocolate bomb take-away bag and crafts: stamping and ornaments.
- Jean reminded us of the option for a wildlife program by Tamra Wight audience: 3 to 8 years; presentation and games. \$300. Suggested date: April. Please check out the website: tamrawight.com before the next meeting.

New Business:

- Discussed potential for a book sale at Town Meeting on March 4. Need to clear this with Town Manager.
- Kelli reported a new initiative: Direct Request Inter-Library loans wherein Norridgewock /other libraries make direct requests to individual libraries for specific books such as book club picks. The books are transported via the regular inter-library loan delivery truck.
- Re-visited the old issue of the returns box. Kelli reported recent mishaps related to the box and the need for a box with smaller openings that will make it harder to dump drink containers/other trash. Also need for a sign: "books only/no trash". Investigation of new box costs: \$1,200. Need to add

this to wish list; at minimum need to, as often planned, sand/paint/add better signage to existing box. Budget review may be a good chance to decide on box upgrade.

Next Meeting: November 16 at 3:00 PM. Becky encouraged everyone to read the handouts on library finances/budget prior to the meeting as the 2024 budget review will be a key agenda item. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Submitted by Becky Ketchum 11/9/23