Craftsbury Public Library  
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting  
June 4, 2018

Present: Ned Houston, Don Houghton, Susan Flynn, Lise Erickson, Aliena Gerhard, Kristen Fountain, Jacob Fritz, Barb Strong, Susan O. Connell (librarian)  
Absent: Polly Allen, Saul Trevino

Minutes: Barb Strong moves to accept the minutes of the May meeting. Ned seconds. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Flynn reports on the results of the fundraisers. The plant sale raised $2,594, which is very comparable to last year. We sold a lot more perennial and fewer tomatoes. Book sale raised $812, while last year was $931. Susan O. said historically for the May book sale we plan on $500-600. We also received $10,000 of our $39,000 from the town. Susan O. also got two grants, one of which is already spent, for the playground and children’s librarian salary. The barn dance, so far, admission was $4,323. Silent and live auctions was $2,155. The crowd was pretty good despite the rainy weather. There were $1,051 in expenses. Barb Strong moves to accept the Treasurer’s report. Aliena seconds. Approved.

Librarian’s Report: A lot of last month was focusing on the fundraisers. People look forward to these events every year. So in addition to making money for the library, we are also building community, which is also what we are tasked to do. The Library discount purchasing consortium is shifting from a Maine-based program to one run by the Massachusetts Higher Education Consortium. This will likely take up a fair amount of my time over the next month. The good news is that the options for purchasing seems a bit broader. It also should be slightly better savings for the most part. There is a schedule for both children’s and adult’s programming. We have a lot going on. Please get the word out. Jen McKenzie, the children’s librarian, will be going down to the elementary school this Thursday to continue that relationship. She will describe the summer programming and pass out free books.

Playground Committee Reports: The chips should be arriving the coming week. The structure will come on June 13. The work day for installation is on June 14 with spillover that weekend. We are going to plan an opening ceremony on June 22 at 11 a.m. The committee will dissolve once the structure is installed.

Antiques and Uniques Book Sale: More sorting will be needed, but it is going well. There was a discussion about what to do if weather is bad. The decision has been made to simply hold the book sale inside if the weather is poor. Susan O. will put up a sign-up sheet for volunteers for set up and take down. Don urges you to keep track of the time you spend on volunteering to be reported to him.

Barn Dance Debrief: Lise wrote up a summary of planning and issues. First issue, should the barn dance be on the same day as the plant sale and book sale. Ned say that we start running
out of conflict free weekends. Susan O. suggests one point person in the future could approach Dave about a different weekend. We should stay away from prom or graduation days. We would prefer that they are separate days. The plants needs to be in May, along with the book sale, but barn sale is more flexible. There should be a chair and co-chair who is the overall coordinator.

The next board meeting will be in September. We will take July and August off.

Kristen Fountain makes a motion to adjourn. Ned seconds. Approved.