

# Franklin Grand Isle Bookmobile Board of Directors Meeting

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December 21, 2020 6:30 pm via phone conference

**Present:** Tim Smith, Chair; Deb Grennon, Vice Chair; Eric Peterson, Secretary / Treasurer; Bethany Remmers; Tami Dodge; Meg Marshall; Hadley Priebe, Director, Lauren Walsh, Americorp Volunteer

## **Not Present:**

### Positive Thoughts

- Each board member shared something positive

### **Approve Minutes**

- **Motion to approve minutes by Deb**
- **Second by Meg**
- **All yeas**
  
- Update from Chair
- The Bookmobile picked up at Charliebois, couldn't find a reason for the light to be on. Modules were fine
- Got new tires at Woods, they found a rotor sticking
- Johnsons is fixing the stuck rotor may do the inspection as well
- Still looking for registration card
- Then it can go to the other Johnsons for the wrap
- Updated insurance to remove old director and add Lauren
  
- Update from Treasurer/Secretary
  - \$500 Vermont Community Foundation Grant

### **Old Business:**

#### **Catalog update: Verso vs Koha**

- If we do Koha we will go though Vokal
- Koha 3 cents per item annually
- Minimum \$350 a year plus three cents per patron
- Can custom make own reports
- Can build a catalogue from scratch
- Sends updates for when books are due
- Can access other library data who are using it

- Need someone trained in cataloguing to make the record
- Verso, you don't need wifi, may not for Koha either
- Need wifi to place holds, optional kids home page at an extra cost
- Lots of add ons for a price
- \$224.58 a month
- **Motion to approve recommendation to go with Vokal by Bethany**
- **Second by Tami**
- **All yeas**

#### **Childcare Provider Outreach**

- Hadley sending out first signup for services this week
- Going out to past providers that worked with us
- Also sent a flyer out to Building Bright Futures
- May have gotten a few new patrons as a result
- Hoping to do book drops and virtual story time starting in January
- Will still have a option to do zoom during bad weather

#### **MVSU and FNSU updates**

- All the books have been delivered
- Realized there was no tracking of positive outcomes of last book drop
- Could use digital tool like survey monkey to collect information, put link on website
- Check with Heather to see if we could get word to the families
- Use school newsletter to get the word out about the survey or to get feedback
  
- Lauren's Book Drive got over 700 books
- Also received more books since and a cash donation
- Can we sticker or get a stamp made for donated books, also with info on making donations
- Colorful stickers may get more attention
  
- \$217 donated for giving Tuesday

#### **New Business:**

- ALA membership for Hadley and Lauren
  - A couple of grants available, but need to be ALA members
  - ALA has student memberships for anyone working on their certificate
  - Was relatively cheap, like \$39 per person
- Proposed setting a threshold for a discretionary amount the director could spend per month without board approval
  
- Book Club
  - Lauren organizing a virtual book club for middle school students
  - Posted on social media, and our website, also on Front Porch Forum
  
- Grant Update

- Sent in report for Vermont Children’s Foundation Report
- Setting virtual site visit with Theo from VCF
- Spoke to Olivia from Americorop
  - All set with that grant
  
- YTD Fundraising
  - Do we want to revise the budget?
  - Budget showed a couple of grants that we were seeking
  - Cannot find the notes on these
  - Don’t want to be short on budget if we have don’t have all the grants that were budgeted for
  - Bethany and Hadley will do a review of the budget
  
- Board Vacancy
  - Heather was appointed to a statewide board and will not have the time to be on this board
  - Can we find someone in childcare or after school programs to take her place
  - Heather had some recommendations
  - Please Bring recommendations to next meeting
  - Talk about term limits and staggering the board terms next month
  
- Other Business
  - Hadely and Lauren getting a day and a half a week together in the office
  - Lauren’s term is up May 30th
  - Talk about Lauren’s plans at February meeting
  
- **Adjourn**
  - **Motion to adjourn Bethany**
  - **Secoded by Tami**
  - **All yeahs**
  - **Adjourned at 7:50 pm**

Next meeting January 25th at 6:30, moved to fourth Monday of the month due to Martin Luther King Junior Holiday