

Library Trustees Meeting

April 12, 2024

Present- Martha B., Marie B, Allison G, Sarah A

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

Martha started meeting by describing why we need to vote on grants.

- Statute states that grants need to go through the town treasurer books versus each committee in town having a treasurer
- The trustees need to reflect in minutes when we are going to apply, for which grants, etc
- Meeting minutes need documentation of grants for auditing purposes

Martha shared that she learned from a library directors meeting with Jonathan Clark that the summer programming grant money will be delayed. Discussed adult collection and buying new adult books.

Grants discussion-

These grants we have applied for:

Clif summer program grant- provide a summer program with presenter and a book give away. Supports children during the summer. No money exchanged.

Vermont Humanities Project Grant- supports summer humanities projects. Mural project, tie die, music and puppet show. \$4700.

VT Dept Libraries Summer Programming grant- \$300 to support summer kick off. Funds will be delayed. Non competitive grant.

Winnie Belle Learned Fund- This year it is a competitive \$2500 grant. Applied for funds to support children's summer programming. Possibly a STEM adventure club for elementary age children.

Vermont Children's Foundation Equipment Grant-\$2000. HAVE NOT APPLIED. Due April 30. We plan to apply for this grant. Requires further investigation to determine if we would like to apply for this grant.

Ben and Jerry's Foundation Grants- HAVE NOT APPLIED- this grant could be used in some capacity for summer food offerings. This grant addresses basic human needs. Generally under \$2000.

Discussed how to vote on the grants that we have applied for and how to vote on the grants we want to research more and possibly apply for. On the radar for next year- National Life Foundation Grants, Spark Community Grant- \$5000 to build social capital, community connections, resiliency.

Discussed that grant money can be used for events that we have found work well for our community.

Discussed Greensboro Community Grant but decided we may not fit the criteria of how receiving the grant would serve the Greensboro community. We will not be applying for this.

Marie B. motioned that we approve the grants already applied for-

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Winnie Belle

Sarah A. seconds. Motion carries.

Allison G. motions that we approve the application for the Ben and Jerry's Community Foundation Grant and the Vermont Children's Grant if we deem that they meet the goals and aims of the library.

Marie B. seconded.

The motion is approved.

Next trustee meeting is June 4, 2024 at 5pm. Meeting adjourned at 4pm.