Jaquith Public Library
Trustees Meeting Agenda
October 19, 2026 at 6:30pm

Expected: Trustees - Sonia Carrasco, Cathy Chodorkoff, Michelle McCormick, Annie Reed, Tracey Witherspoon; Susan Green, Librarian

Meeting convened: 6:40

Review/Approve Agenda: 2 minutes

- Approved

Review/Approve Prior Month's Minutes: 2 minutes

- Approved

Review/Approve Invoices: 5 minutes

- Approved and signed

Budget Review: 10 minutes

- Fund raising still has a way to go. Annual appeal is coming up. Auction raised around $400, 50/50 raffle raised $638 and winner donated back to the library.
- Budget pretty much on track overall

Librarian's Report: 15 minutes

- See full Librarian's report for details
- Pumpkin walk coming up with story telling by Tim Jennings

Old Business: (follow-up from previous meetings) 15 minutes

- Annual Appeal update
    - Will try to get it out as asap in October
    - Sonia will update letter
    - Mailing list needs to be updated - next year we'll do a town-wide mailing -Susan will mail updated info; will try to have done by 10/21
    - Michelle suggested fundraising through every.org which is specifically for non-profits. They can't serve us as a municipal entity, but Michelle will try to set something up.

New Business: 15 minutes

- Vandalism at the Old Schoolhouse Common
    - Appears to be middle school age children who are the perpetrators. They destroyed the mud kitchen enjoyed by the young children and have thrown chairs down the stairs in the hallway. Also vandalized bathrooms. Susan has spoken with them and so far it has helped and made a difference. Something to keep tabs on. Suggestions have been made to put up cameras - we do not want surveillance inside the building.
- Building update
    - Gym floor has been refinished; building committee doesn't want to put basketball hoop back up. That's been the main reason the gym was used in the past. We'd like to see it restored.
    - Possibility of lights for the outdoor basketball court?
    - A pirate ship has been purchased for the playground.
    - Older kids would like a slide and swings they can use; currently set up only for young children.

Reminders: Long Range Plan, By-Laws, Policies, Staff Evaluations

    - The gas stove has been removed and replaced with a non-commercial electric stove. No other kitchen renovation is planned (but is much needed).
- Library Hours
    - Susan is proposing to eliminate the mid-day 2 hour closure and to close at 5:00 daily except for Wednesday at 7:30 because of community supper. She will have a conversation with Sasha and Anne about this and give us their feedback.

Meeting adjourned: 7:20