

Director's Report January 2023

Building Updates – The Town engineer came to look at the building to see what could be done about the leaks. Bob has finished epoxying the holes across from the thrift shop in an attempt to stop the leaks there. We won't know if it's been successful until we get some heavy rain. The roof repairs are complete that will stop the leaking into the building on the first floor front of the building. Our custodian Bob told me that they dug up the drain at the back of the building on the north end. They discovered that the drain was clogged and cleaned it out and now it's draining correctly. The rest of the building was not done because it required a backhoe to dig and couldn't get the backhoe without moving all the AC units and their concrete pads and the gardens out front.

Jennifer has received two grants for programs from the New Hampshire children's museum. One is an entire box of play based learning toys and she will be developing programs to use these materials. The other one is a virtual program about flight. She will be helping the kids make items to demonstrate flight. The supplies for this are paid for by the museum and have started arriving this week. We also have the sister of a patron who volunteered to conduct a paint program for 4 weeks.

Rosemary is working on the work plan to start completing tasks for the Strategic Plan. We'll be assigning tasks to staff at our next meeting. Along with assigning tasks, we'll determine when things need to be done. Some are ongoing and we will be working on them for the entire three years and others will be completed within a shorter time frame.

Rosemary along with other staff reviewed three more policies and you have them in the packet and will approving them later in the meeting.

Rosemary spent time researching library space audits and looking for someone who could perform one for the library. We've been looking at statistics to determine frequency of circulation and discovering some books that have never circulated. We would like to be able to move things around and try to configure the space differently, therefore the research for a consultant.

Rosemary has been meeting with a small group of other directors to come up with a plan to apply for a grant to install EV charging stations at our libraries. We are also working with the Rockingham County Planning and the Granite State Clean Energy group. There is a lot of funds out there from the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Projects and the Build America, Buy America program from the Federal Highway Administration.

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