

FFFL June meeting June 3, 2026

Called to order: 5:18 pm

Members Present:

Renee Mayer, President	Elizabeth Cram	Colin Sanborn
John Cloutier, V President	Marty Davis	Martha DeTore-Woods
Lisa Gosselin, Secretary	Katie Welsh	
Lynsey Lacourse, Treasurer	Mark White	

1. Financial Snapshot:

Current Balance: \$19,213.35

Transactions since last meeting: credit of \$.46 in interest

Encumbered Funds:

Maximum of \$5000.00 for CSB digitizing match

\$350.00 for Periodicals for FFL

Total Available Balance: \$13, 863.35

2. Board of Trustees Report

Nothing to report

3. Summer Reading Program: Martha DeTore-Woods

A. Theme Is Plant a Seed

B. Programs that are scheduled:

*Mr Aarons dance party on 7/1/26 \$440.00

* Caterpillar Lab. 7/7 from 11:00-2:00 Co sponsored by Claremont Opera House, held at CSBCC

Program on Caterpillars and the plants in which they live

Opera House will collaborate on showing the documentary about Caterpillars being shown at the Opera House @ 6:30 that evening. \$550.00

*Mariposa Museum and Cultural Ctr about Food around the world. 7/21/26 \$318.00

*A comics workshop with Marek Bennett (in conjunction with the release of his new book on Freeman Colby) \$480 7/30/26 2:00 PM. There may be additional cost for supplies. This will be a registration program, so we know how many supplies to purchase in advance.

*Debunking Bunker Hill Mary Carter Thurs 8/6/26 Music and Theater as well as History. Mary has not given a price yet. Projected less than \$100.00 for Supplies

Martha reported that they also need items for the treasure chest for summer reading incentives

Also she is asking for funds for Summer Reading prizes. All participants will receive a prize* (really a secret) Renee projects that an additional \$250.00 should cover prizes and necessary supplies.

Opera House is sending advertisements of this event to its 8000 subscribers and they may also offer to send our flyer along with it. Renee is creating a flyer for the Summer Reading Programs to our schools. It will also include a description of the program requirements: No Rules, Just Read. Martha reports that a lot of programs booked up quickly, so she feels next year she will begin the process earlier. She also put out a request for volunteers for each of the programs.

4. Alumni Parade

Alumni parade Saturday 6/13. Those marching should be at CSB front lawn at 10:00 am, and the parade starts at 10:30 am. This year's theme is "Movie Villains". We'll be handing out bookmarks, candy and carrying the FFFLsign. We are hoping to get 10 people and Renee has sent a request for marchers through email to our membership. Renee has designed a bookmark and is having them made. She is looking for recommendations on how many and Martha thought 500 would be plenty to hand out, at the parade and other events throughout the summer. Marty recommends contacting Doolittle Printers, here in town, for printing. Renee is donating the cost of printing them from her business, Tailor Bird. Thank you, Renee! We are also handing out candy and Renee asked Mark to check into candy costs, and he is bringing a barrel to carry it in. Mark is donating Candy. Thank you Mark!

CLiF program from Vermont, a generous foundation that purchases books for kids and we were unable to write a grant for this and we aren't able to get the program, however, Kiwanis and TLC did apply and they will inform Martha but she has not heard anything as yet. Renee and Lynsey told Martha they are more than willing to help her to do this next year.

5. Funding Updates:

*CSB Grant awards have not been announced as yet. We wrote a grant for up to \$5000.00 to digitize Claremont newspapers for the purposes of online historical research, an ongoing project. We will match 1:1 whatever the grant award is.

* Center for Cartoon Studies in WRJ, VT. Applied Cartooning Lab print series. Martha highlighted two specific series on Mental Health and Democracy, which are geared to a middle/high school audience. We will get 1 copy of all the separate comics as well as packets (50 ct) of the Mental Health, Democracy and Reading series for disseminating to the students on a first come, first serve basis. This will be around \$575.00. John moved that we purchase the booklets. This was seconded by Lynsey and approved by all in attendance.

*NH Moose Plate fund raiser: Colin felt we should hold off on this project this year, given the transitional period we are in with a new Library Executive Director.

*FFL Magazine Renewal. We have allocated \$350.00 for this and the subscription renewals are just starting to come in, according to Elizabeth.

*Review of total funds committed :

Summer Reading Program:	\$2250.00
CSB GRANT matching Funds:	\$5000.00
Center for Cartoon Studies	\$ 575.00
Mag. Subscription Renewal	\$ 350.00

6. Executive Director Position 2 candidates were introduced. The field of candidates was very good. The selection process has not been hindered by current City Manager's resignation

7. Appeal Letter: Renee is asking for a small committee to craft a letter, execute the mailing letter, review the mailing lists for individuals and businesses. Five are going to do this: Lynsey, Renee, Lisa, Katie, and Elizabeth. Renee is coordinating an email to schedule this.

Renee commented that Marty Davis is planting and managing planted flowers box in front of the FFL. Log Cabin Nursery is donating the flowers. He did this last year and Renee noted they were well maintained. Marty donates his service and supplies to this project and this year he plans to repaint and repair the box as well. In this vein, a discussion of a seed exchange program ensued. This was tabled for discussion at another time. In addition, small seedlings for kids participating in the summer reading program were also discussed. This idea was deemed great, but may be too late to follow through on this. .

8. Broad Street Tree Planting Update: A lot has happened since Mike retired, the City Manager resigned as well. The tree planting is slated to be on the agenda at June 10th mtg of the City Council. In addition Colin has asked FFFL to support the removal of a couple of trees on library grounds, one is dying and the other two could pose an issue when the roofing work is done. The FFFL may plant another tree or two in their place. Discussion ensued about marking one of those trees on library grounds to be designated in Mike's honor, rather than the one in the Broad St Park, because we could put a plaque on it designating it as such. (We are not able to place a permanent plaque at the tree in Broad Street Park). Marty Davis advocated for a landscaping plan for the grounds of the library before we plan on any amount of money. Elizabeth said that staff had plans in the development stage, and it's a library project that they will ask us for help, rather than plan it ourselves. Marty asked to be included in planning and participation of these plans, and Lynsey asked if the SNHU could be invited to provide volunteers as part of global days of service. Renee has advised that we continue to support the tree in Broad St Park and see what transpires on the June 10th City Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm Respectfully Submitted: Lisa R Gosselin, Secretary