

Keene Public Library

Fine Arts Committee

October 2, 2024

Called to order at 10:05.

Present: Judy Putnam, Jane Pitts, Kathleen Kennedy Burke, Susan Bloom.

The committee reviewed the reception for the Nadeau Family, to show them the new display case purchased with money given in memory of Suzanne Nadeau. Susan Bloom has coordinated the current exhibits. Upcoming displays will include hand crafted works by the Library staff and work by Craig Stockwell. Susan has reached out to the archivist at Keene State, the Historical Society and Arts Alive to let them know that the space is available to the public. Displays will usually last a month. The Public Initiated Display Policy will guide the use of the display cabinet.

We have received over a thousand dollars of gifts in memory of Marie Kaufer. After speaking with her family, Susan thought improvements to the small reading area near the foot of the staircase would be an appropriate use of the money. She will look into having an electrical outlet installed and finding the right reading lamp. The area currently is not well lit for reading.

Most memorial gifts do not amount to more than a few hundred dollars, but these two totaled more than usual. Both women were avid library users, and the use of the funds for a specific purpose seemed appropriate.

Jane is scanning notes included with donations for her records and the committee recommended that the actual cards be shared with the staff when appropriate.

A brief discussion followed on possible projects the committee could consider. These included thinking about increasing art display options with additional moveable display boards; developing signage to increase awareness of events at the library; creating an educational piece about the artwork owned by the Library.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 4.

Judy Putnam

Chair, Fine Arts Committee