

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2012
CHICK ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Tom Reinfuss, Acting Chairperson; Ron Force, Angela Johnson, Melissa LaRoche, Tom Reinfuss, Mary Anne Sosnoff, Peter Stevens, Mary Cronin, Library Director, Carol Batchelder, Friends of the Library

ABSENT: Chairperson Beverly Klitsch, Sandra Carr, Mary Russell

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Tom Reinfuss at 3:30 PM. The board took a moment to wish Beverly Klitsch well.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES: Peter Stevens moved to approve the January 18 minutes. Melissa LaRoche seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The January minutes were accepted and approved.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Treasurer Angela Johnson reported that the Wells Fargo account was up a little at end of January. Angela said she moved some income into Temporary Restricted Net Assets. She said we carried over \$71.82 in the Pequawket grant and \$150 in the Robert Risch Memorial Fund. She said a portion of the Filson Donation was used for books and the Encyclopedia Britannica Program. She said we have the budget drawdown, but it's not compared to the budget until the budget is approved at the town meeting. Angela noted that there were no comments on the audit. Ron Force moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Peter Stevens. The Report was accepted and filed for audit.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Librarian Mary Cronin report that the February-March 2012 issue of the Madison Library Newsletter is out. Mary noted that the library's technology request was not recommended by the Budget Committee. Ron Force commended Mary for giving a very eloquent summary of the library budget at the meeting, and Mary Anne Sosnoff agreed with this opinion. Mary said that Mary Russell told her that someone has looked at the outdoor lighting and recommended having an electrician come and replace the current bulbs with brighter ones. Mary asked the board if we should get an electrician. Tom Reinfuss said we will table this issue for the moment and bring it up under Old Business. Angela Johnson noted that there has been no one to clean the library for four weeks and that the person responsible for the cleaning is often out sick. Angela suggested writing to the Selectmen so they would become aware of the situation. Mary said there are other issues as well, such as fixing the roof so that it doesn't drip water on the ramp. Angela suggested getting this fixed when we get the steps done as part of the project. Mary noted that on March 8 local author Ted Sares will be coming to talk about his new book, Shattered: A Collection of True Crime and Noir Essays, at 7 PM in the Chick Room. Mary asked if the board wanted to renew the Wright Museum pass, which costs \$75. After discussion the board decided to give it one more year and try to find ways to promote it. Tom suggested putting something in the April/May newsletter about it.

GALLERY: Mary said the artwork on the walls is from the gallery in West Ossipee, which works with disabled artists from Northern Human Services.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Carol Batchelder reported that next week there will be a program by Bob Cottrell called "Harnessing History: On the trail of NH's State Dog, the Chinook." The program will be on February 23 at 7 PM in the Chick Room, with a snow date of March 1, and Bob will bring his own Chinook dog. Carol said the Friends have scheduled programs and fundraisers through October. She said they have

permission to sell food at the Town Meeting and would be looking for volunteers to provide finger sandwiches, cookies, and brownies, etc. Noel Smith will have hot dog stand outside the school as well. Carol said that after 16 fantastic years, Marty Risch is stepping down as Treasurer of the Friends of the Library and that the Friends are now looking for a new Treasurer.

Carol Batchelder and Melissa LaRoche left the meeting for other engagements at 4:05 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

The board resumed the discussion of outside lighting. After discussion the board recommended that Mary call Gus the electrician to look at the situation and possibly get high intensity bulbs. Ron Force suggested motion detector lights as well.

NEW BUSINESS: Tom Reinfuss reported that he got a note regarding the Carroll County Library Trustee's Annual Roundtable at the Cook Library in Tamworth on February 28 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Peter Stevens said he went last year and thought it was a worthwhile meeting. He recommended attending this year. Peter said he would be willing to go again and Tom said he might go as well.

ADJOURNMENT: Peter Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting and Ron Force seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM. The next meeting will be on March 21, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose, Recording Secretary

Draft Minutes e-mailed to the Trustees, Town Clerk, and Library Director on February 16, 2012

Town of Madison, Board of Library Trustees Meeting for February 15, 2012