

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 18, 2011

Chick Room

APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Beverly Klitsch, Chairperson; Sandra Carr, Angela Johnson, Melissa LaRoche, Tom Reinfuss, Mary Russell, Peter Stevens, Carol Batchelder, Friends of the Library, Mary Cronin, Library Director

ABSENT: Ron Force, Mary Anne Sosnoff

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Beverly Klitsch at 3:35 PM.

APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES: Angela moved to approve the April minutes with the correction of one typo; Peter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The April minutes were accepted and approved with one correction.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Angela reported that stocks were doing a little better this month until a few days ago. The Town of Madison Budget Drawdown Report shows that we have used 44.5% of the budget already, but this is skewed because of fuel costs. Otherwise we are just about right on target. We got money in May from the trust fund account for the new laptop. Tom Reinfuss moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Mary Russell seconded. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mary Cronin mentioned that she got the new laptop and that computer usage is up. Merle Weber is working in the library garden and it is looking lovely but she could use some additional volunteer help. Mary is working on planning the weekly summer reading program for kids which will include free book distribution thanks to a grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation Summer Readers Program. The library also got a grant from the state library for a reptile program to be held in the school gym. The new carpeting is in ahead of schedule and the desk area has been reorganized. Mary suggested buying new runners to prevent slippage at the entrances to the building and in front of the desk. The chairs in the Chick room could use silicone pads to help preserve the new carpet. The Technology Plan needs to be updated and Mary said it would be good to have a list of things we might consider offering. She will try to come up with a list. There are binders available for any Trustee who would like one. A floor plan needs to be done for an evacuation map and Peter offered to work on this.

GALLERY REPORT: Melissa LaRoche has brought in artwork from the school and more will be arriving. There was a discussion of moving the picture rails to a different height and adding new ones. It was agreed that if the rails were moved the walls would have to be repainted. This may be a project for next year.

FRIENDS OF THE MADISON LIBRARY REPORT: Carol Batchelder outlined the upcoming programs of the Friends of the Library for the 2011 season. The program on June 16, co-sponsored with the Madison Historical Society, will be "The Lost Music of the Pectrum Banjo," presented by Dean Bennett in the Chick Room of the Madison Library. On July 12 Geologist Robert Newton will discuss "The Ossipee Ring Dike." August 6 is the FOML Book Sale. August 20 is the Book and Author luncheon with Cornelia Read. The final program on October 13 is "The 2012 Fraud: Misreading the Maya and Their Calendars," by R.P. Hale, an NHHC program.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carpet Installation: Carol said that the FOML usually get more of a heads-up when funds are needed. Peter explained that we got jammed up on time due to the date of the last Trustee meeting when the decision was made to purchase carpet tile. There was a discussion of additional bills that will have to be paid in relation to the carpeting project and where the money would come from.

Spring Conference: Trustees who attended the conference agreed that it was useful and informative. One idea from the conference was to publicize data like the Librarian's Report of Patron Services. Mary said she puts a newsletter in the Selectmen's mailboxes. The library has a huge amount of resources for all boards.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pathways to other town facilities from library. There was a discussion about improving pathways that are already being used to and from the library, including mowing and installing steps where needed. This would help to keep the kids off the road. Bev thought this was a good idea worth investigating. Mary asked Bev if she would ask about this at the Conservation Commission Meeting. Bev said she would.

Picture rail repositioning: Already discussed.

OTHER: None

ADJOURNMENT Angela moved to adjourn the meeting. Peter seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

The next meeting will be on June 15, 2011.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Ambrose, Recording Secretary

Draft Minutes e-mailed to the Trustees, Town Clerk, and Library Director on May 20, 2011

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