

MADISON LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 3:30 PM  
CHICK ROOM, MADISON LIBRARY  
APPROVED MINUTES

**ATTENDANCE:** Peter Stevens, Chairperson; Susan Bailey, Ron Force, Angela Johnson, Tom Reinfuss, Mary Russell, Mary Anne Sosnoff, Mary Cronin, Library Director.

**ABSENT:** Sandra Carr, Melissa LaRoche, Carol Batchelder, Friends of the Library

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Peter Stevens at 3:35 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Mary Anne Sosnoff to approve the minutes of September 19, 2012, seconded by Angela Johnson. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved and accepted.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER:** Treasurer Angela Johnson reported a dividend from Wells Fargo in the amount of \$36.61; market fluctuation went up a bit this month. Librarian Mary Cronin asked what is available to take out for next year's budget. Angela said around \$600 is available from the Wells Fargo account and \$1,300 in interest from the Hocking Endowment. She said we can take a portion of the Jackson Annuity interest for books, but we can't touch the principal. She said the money in the checking account includes money for computer equipment. Regarding the new Sponsor-a Book Program, Angela said Hazel Varella donated \$40 in the names of Leonora and Mary, along with a nice note wishing them both the best. Angela said the budget drawdown is at 78.9%, and only supplies have gone over budget.

Motion by Mary Anne Sosnoff to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mary Russell. The motion passed unanimously and the report was accepted and filed for audit.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mary Cronin said the technology items discussed at the previous meeting have been purchased. She asked the board if we want to contract with the same person for snow removal this winter, and the board said we do. Mary said John Neal came to look at the steps, and Angela will call him to follow up. Mary said tomorrow night at the library there will be a "Poe Scary Story Slam," featuring local storyteller Andy David. She said the film series has been a bust and she is not recommending purchasing a film license. She said there will be a multigenerational Wii Bowling League here at the library for the winter months. Mary said she went to the NELA annual conference, which had a lot of very good information, and Leonora is going to the READS conference. Mary will attend just the morning session. Mary said the 2014 cost for New Hampshire downloadable books will be based on a new formula involving population and use, so it will be in our favor, but in 2013 we will have to pay \$1,000. Mary said next year both Ancestry and Heritage Quest will charge a fee of \$250. She said both these programs get a lot of use.

**GALLERY:** Artwork of Jan Eskedal is up now. There is nothing for November.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:** There will be a film presentation and discussion of the Brownfield Fire on October 24, 2012, in the Chick room.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**TOWN BUDGET 2013:** Mary Cronin said the 2013 Town Budget sheet approved at last month's meeting was sent to the Town Office on September 25. She said the dues for the Trustees' Association have increased from \$20 to \$30 a year, and this should be included in the budget. She said conference attendance is \$60 and the mileage to attend is 130 miles. Angela suggested applying for scholarships to

help with the cost. After discussion it was agreed that the Trustees line should be increased from \$300 to \$420. Mary said the only pass the library continues to hold is a \$25 Remick Museum pass, which is very popular. Regarding the Integrated Library System (ILS) switch to a new system, Mary proposed selecting Koha open source software, which offers many benefits such as allowing library cardholders more access and control of their library accounts and would allow for a shared catalog and training with other libraries. This would result in a reduced cost which would change the line from \$2,800 to \$1,500. Chair Peter Stevens noted that the bottom line on the Town budget sheet is \$68,559. He said he would like to figure about a 5.8% increase for the library. Mary suggested that the \$1,000 for downloadable books could be dropped to \$600. That and other changes would reduce the proposed increase from 10.19% to a little over 5%. Ron Force asked if the FOML numbers are confirmed and Mary said that is what she is requesting and she thought the support from the Friends was pretty much for sure.

Motion by Mary Russell to go with a 5.8% increase in the budget, and if necessary drop one of the ancestry websites. Tom Reinfuss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mary Russell to approve Koha software for the ILS switch. Angela Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST TO FILM AT LIBRARY: see attached email explanation of request: The board agreed that this would not be appropriate for the library.

FULL BUDGET 2013: Not covered.

WARRANT ARTICLE: Motion by Angela Johnson to submit the warrant article as written. Susan Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

“To see if the Town will vote to revoke the Library Equipment Expendable Trust Fund established by affirmative vote at Town Meeting 2008 (WA 12), and to direct the Trustees of the Trust Funds to pay all moneys remaining in the Library Equipment Expendable Trust Fund to the Town Treasurer, per RSA 31:19-a. II.”

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Respondents' suggestions re: community needs: Not covered.

ADJOURN for Marty and Bob Risch appreciation celebration and presentation: Motion by Mary Russell to adjourn, seconded by Tom Reinfuss. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose  
Recording Secretary

Draft Minutes e-mailed to the Trustees, Town Clerk, and Library Director on October 19, 2012.  
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