

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2018, 3:30 PM
CHICK ROOM, MADISON LIBRARY
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Chair Cheryl Littlefield, John Filson (via WebEx), Angela Johnson, Karen Lord, Patti Rau, Linda Smith, Peter Stevens; Susan Lee, Friends of the Madison Library; Library Director Sloane Jarell

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Cheryl Littlefield called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 17, 2018 regular meeting: Motion by Karen Lord to approve the minutes of 10-17-18, seconded by John Filson. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Treasurer Angela Johnson said the Statement of Financial Position shows that we have a total of \$4,500.55 in checking/savings. She said we lost quite a bit on Vanguard this month despite earnings and dividends, due to a decline in the market. She said on the Budget Drawdown we are at 78.5 %. She said we still have money left in professional improvement. This was discussed.

Motion by Peter Stevens to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Linda Smith. The motion passed unanimously and the report was accepted and filed for audit.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Sloane Jarell noted that the statistics looked good this month. Along with the detailed Monthly Report of Patron Services there was a Statistics Summary prepared by John Filson with graphs for attendance and total circulation. This was discussed. John asked if the board considered this a valuable way to show the statistics. He noted that there may be other parameters that are worth displaying that we might want to consider focusing on. He suggested distributing both reports to the trustees for a while and then deciding whether or not to continue seeing the detailed statistics. The board thanked John for the Statistics Summary. Peter Stevens said he would like to see a statement for the town meeting that for the last eight years we have had around 10,000 visits a year and that this has not varied. The board agreed.

GALLERY: JP Goodwin

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Susan Lee said members' dues and donations are up over what we budgeted, but book sales are down a little. She said we look at the book sales as a community service, not as a money-maker. Patti Rau suggested asking Bob King to include the book sales in the Madison column for next year. Susan outlined the upcoming programs for next year. She said a survey was done and we found that the most popular topics for programs were nature and adventure.

OLD BUSINESS

Lighting - meeting room and outdoor sign: Sloane said there has been no further word on the lighting and this will be brought up at the next selectmen's meeting.

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NNHLC – Conway: Sloane said the Tamworth trustees would like to meet with other trustees to draft the bylaws and we are trying to set up a meeting. She said she will send samples of bylaws for the board to review.

Budget Committee Meeting – October 30 at 6:00 PM: Sloane said she did not attend the meeting but the library budget was a non-issue.

Selectmen’s Meeting – October 23: Sloane said she attended the meeting and thanked the selectmen and let them know about Conway coming on board as well as the two upcoming projects.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Candidates: Sloane said John Filson has decided he would like to continue as a board member but we do need to think about an alternative for Sandra Carr and one other one.

OTHER BUSINESS: Susan Lee recommended a book called Biblio Tech: Why Libraries Matter More Than Ever in the Age of Google, by John Palfrey.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Linda Smith to adjourn, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:08 PM.

Next meeting: December 19, 2018 @3:30 PM

Town of Madison, Board of Library Trustees Meeting for November 14, 2018

Draft Minutes
Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose
Recording Secretary
Draft Minutes e-mailed to the Trustees, Town Clerk, and Library Director on November 15, 2018.