

MADISON LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
DECEMBER 19, 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, Bruce Kennedy, Sandra Carr; 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

November 14, 2018 regular meeting: Motion by Patti Rau to approve the minutes of 11-14-18, seconded by Bruce Kennedy. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Treasurer Angela Johnson said that we were up on all accounts. Vanguard went up a little in November. We will need to look at temporary or restricted assets and carryover accounts such as Mary Meier and Leonora Southwick memorial accounts. Susan Lee stated that any money held for the library from the Friends can be used for anything, there are no restrictions. The Hocking Endowment can only spend the interest and for book purchases only. She said on the Budget Drawdown we are at 88.58 %. This was discussed.

Motion by Bruce Kennedy to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Karen Lord. 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 considering we were closed an extra 10 hours this month due to snow storms. Sloane said that the birch tree in front of the library had not survived the heavy snow storm and that once it is removed that it would be a lovely spot for a picnic table. We have added Playaway audios to our collection and introduced a Library of Things beginning with a hiking bag, birding bag and Spiralizer bag. Sloane stated that it was a very successful joint program (Story time with pajama and book giveaway) with White Mountain Community Health Center that brought in 22 kids, 8 adults and 5 new library cards were issued. Sloane would look forward to repeating it next December.

GALLERY: JP Goodwin

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Susan Lee said that the Friends held 7 programs last year and had 7 used book sales bringing in a total of \$1598. The book sales have brought in \$9424 since 2014. The new barn postcard booklets are not going as fast as had hoped. The Little Libraries have been wonderfully received with the Silver Lake Post Office library out all year. The Friends contributed to garden maintenance and purchased some shrubs and fertilizer. Next year, they have lined up 6 programs for the community along with contributing to the collection, purchasing magnets, a state park pass, and possibly a picnic table. Patti Rau suggested signing up the Friends for the book table at Hannaford.

## OLD BUSINESS

Lighting - meeting room and outdoor sign: Sloane said there has been no further word on the lighting, but that she is in contact with Selectman Bob King. George Rau and Sloane discussed possibly lighting up the large blue spruce tree for the holiday season in 2019.

NNHLC – Conway: The December 6 meeting was attended by Sloane, Cheryl and Linda and they all came away feeling very positive about the potential of Conway Library joining NNHLC. Bylaws, cooperative agreement and reciprocal borrowing was all discussed and amended. Voting to add Conway Library into NNHLC will be added to the agenda for January.

Trustee Candidates – John Filson, Bruce Kennedy and Angela Johnson are all up for re-election in March and are all willing to run. Peter Stevens stated he would be happy to fill an alternate position. Sandra Carr will be taking her leave after many years of service to the library board of trustees. Sloane will reach out to the community to fill the other 2 alternate spots. The filing period for Declaration of Candidacy is from January 23, 2019 until February 1, 2019. Sloane will pick up forms for candidates.

Library Roof – A question was asked about whether a warrant article was going to be put forward by the Town for a new roof on the main part of the library. Sloane stated that she had given Linda Shackford at Town Hall the estimates she had received in prior years. Linda was going to get an updated one done by the company that was working on the Historical Society roof. The Town will put forward the warrant article for our roof.

## NEW BUSINESS

Therapy dog visits to the library: Sloane talked about the hope of being able to have a therapy dog come into the library at scheduled times for children to read to the dog. The insurance and certification of the handler/dog was discussed. Patti Rau suggested talking to the Brett School in Tamworth because they have a program that comes in regularly with Joan Taylor and Leslie Johnson. Sandra Carr suggested that it should be posted that a dog will be in the library to warn patrons that might be weary of this interaction. It was also suggested that Sloane check with the town's insurance policy about what might be covered.

OTHER BUSINESS: John Filson proposed a discussion to take place next month on closing the library on the day of Town Meeting, Saturday, March 16, 2019. This will be placed on January's agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Peter Stevens to adjourn, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Next meeting: January 16, 2019 @3:30 PM

Town of Madison, Board of Library Trustees Meeting for December 19, 2018

Approved Minutes  
Respectfully submitted,

Sloane Jarell  
Madison Library Director  
Draft Minutes e-mailed to the Trustees, Town Clerk, and Library Director on December 21, 2018.