

MADISON LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
FEBRUARY 20, 2019 @ 3:30 PM  
CHICK ROOM, MADISON LIBRARY  
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Chair Cheryl Littlefield, Sandra Carr (via WebEx), John Filson (via WebEx), Angela Johnson, Karen Lord, Patti Rau, Peter Stevens, Linda Smith, Library Director Sloane Jarrell

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 16, 2019 regular meeting: Motion by Peter Stevens to approve the minutes of 2-16-19, seconded by Linda Smith. There was one change of a phrase regarding accepting the Conway Library into the NNHLC. With this change the minutes as amended were approved unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Treasurer Angela Johnson said we have collected some money this month, with a good portion coming from the Friends, some of which has already been spent. She said stocks went back up again and we made back what we had lost. She said we received the final budget drawdown for 2018 as well as the drawdown for January 2019. She said there are a lot of one-time expenses in January and we have used \$10,000 so far.

Motion by Karen Lord 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 Jarrell said the statistics look great, with increased circulation for January. She noted that automatic renewal is now being included in the statistics. She thanked the Madison Highway Department for a superb job in keeping the parking lot plowed and sanded in the many snowstorms we've had this winter, while at the same time being observant of our opening times. She said the community pot luck and the slow cooker class are getting booked up.

GALLERY: Peter Stevens

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Sloane noted that the Friends were able to obtain free cookbooks from Hannaford which we will be handing out.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Meeting – preparations, Saturday, March 16: Sloane said the advisory budget committee voted to approve the library budget. She said she will be at the town meeting with library cards for sign-ups.

NNHLC meetings:

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Thursday, March 28 at 5:30 at Conway Library to work on draft of Coop Agreement:

Sloane noted that there was a working document and the only sticking point was a debate about using the word “unanimous” vs. “consensus.” John Filson said it is important that all the issues are thoroughly discussed and everyone has a chance to state their view on the issue and then take a vote; the important thing is for everyone to get the feel of a community governance. Peter said he thought the word should be “unanimous” but that may lead to difficulties. Patti Rau agreed with this. She said you don’t want one library really upset about something; work it out before you do the vote. Sandra Carr said items have to be thoroughly discussed and all libraries have to be represented. In the end the board agreed that “unanimous” was the appropriate word.

Thursday, April 4 at 5:30 at TBA – annual meeting

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Patti Rau to adjourn, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:57 PM.

Next meeting: March 20, 2019 @ 3:30 PM

Town of Madison, Board of Library Trustees Meeting for February 20, 2019

Approved Minutes  
Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose  
Recording Secretary

Draft Minutes e-mailed to the Trustees, Town Clerk, and Library Director on February 21, 2019