

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2019 @ 3:30 PM
JOHN F. CHICK MEETING ROOM
MADISON LIBRARY
APPROVED MINUTES

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 20, 2019 regular meeting: Motion by Linda Smith to approve the minutes of 11-20-19, seconded by Patti Rau. One typo was corrected. With this correction, the minutes as amended were approved 5-0-2, with Karen Lord and Peter Stevens abstaining because they were not present at that meeting.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: The board noted that the market is still going up. Library Director Sloane Jarell pointed out the accrual basis as stated on the Budget Drawdown. She said the LED lighting and other items will appear on the next drawdown and we will be near 100% for the year.

Motion by Peter Stevens to approve 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: Sloane Jarell noted as stated in her report that she had been informed by the Selectmen that they will cover the cost of the main library roof, so no warrant article will be necessary. Sloane will secure estimates so that a contract can be signed before the end of the year, with the work to be done next summer. She said the LED lighting and sound system will be installed in the meeting room within the next few days. She said the library has been very involved with community outreach, including a gingerbread scavenger hunt by the kindergarten class followed by snacks and a story. She said the winter tree lighting was spectacular; it was the result of the community coming together and making it happen, and she thanked everyone involved. She said the library hosted a story time with a book and pajama giveaway, with books and pajamas generously donated, and it was much appreciated by the community. She said the library will have some work to do to meet the needs of the Labor Department after their inspection. Their report will be mailed to the Town Office.

GALLERY: Fermata Arts Foundation

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Patti Rau read from the minutes of the last meeting of the Friends. She said there is good news for the library: the board of the Friends voted to give the library \$1,100 toward the cost of replacing the lights, and voted as well to earmark \$1,600 toward the sound system. She said the Friends have 5 programs planned for next year; the first one, on January 30, will be "Tis the Season; Celebrating Winter Traditions," with Bob Cottrell.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes approved: January 15, 2020

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NNHLC: Update: Sloane said all is going well with the coop. A meeting date has been set for April.
Selectmen Meetings: Sloane said she has been attending the meetings and intends to continue going. She said the meetings are super-informative.
Substitute Position: Sloane said two substitutes have been hired and will begin training.
Trustee Candidates: Candidates who want to run again will need to file at the Town Office during the filing period between January 22 and January 31.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Karen lord to adjourn, seconded by Linda Smith. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Next meeting: January 15, 2020 @ 3:30 PM

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Approved Minutes
Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose
Recording Secretary
Draft Minutes e-mailed to the Trustees, Town Clerk, and Library Director on December 18, 2019