

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2020 @ 3:30 PM
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDING: Chair Cheryl Littlefield, John Filson, Mary Holmes, Bruce Kennedy, Karen Lord (via Zoom), Christina McAllister, Patti Rau, Linda Smith, Peter Stevens (via Zoom); Susan Lee, Friends of the Library (via Zoom); Sloane Jarell, Library Director

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Cheryl Littlefield called the meeting to order at 3:34 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 21, 2020 Regular Meeting: Motion by Patti Rau to approve the minutes of 10-21-20, seconded by Linda Smith. There was one correction: "coop" was changed to "co-op." With this correction, the minutes as amended were approved unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: There was no Treasurer's Report. Cheryl Littlefield said the Budget Drawdown at 76.25% looks good.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Sloane Jarrell reviewed her report with the board:

- Statistics are still going up and circulation is way up, even higher than a lot of previous years.
- The Friends of the Library purchased two air purifiers for the library and Sloane purchased a third for the Children's Room. Sloane said patrons have had a really positive reaction to the purifiers. Thank you, Friends.
- The Friends' big program is next Monday, November 23 at 6:00 PM, "Traces of the Trade," a Zoom event presented along with the Madison Church and the Cook Library. Registration is required to attend at madisonlibrary-nh.org.
- The Town Office asked if the Zoning Board could borrow the library's Zoom account and Sloane said they could.
- The Tree lighting will probably take place a day or so after Thanksgiving. Sloane is hoping to have an outside event for the occasion with hot chocolate and other things. She will put a sign outside and perhaps advertise this event in the Boulder Bulletin.
- The Book Selection meeting is on the 8th of December.
- Gordy will begin his coaching schedule on Saturdays starting December 19 and ending in March.
- Sloane and the staff feel very positive about the library being open and continuing service, unlike some libraries in the south of the state who are only doing curbside service for the rest of the year after Thanksgiving.

GALLERY: Peter Stevens

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Susan Lee said the Friends purchased the two air purifiers as mentioned by Sloane, for \$1,659.98, which they considered to be a very worthwhile investment. She said the Friends have received a very generous donation from John Filson, and donations this year are doing quite well. She asked the Trustees to be thinking about something that the library might need. She said the Friends

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will offer monthly Zoom programs from the NHHC starting in January, and Program Chair Jan Eskadel is currently contacting presenters to schedule specific dates. She said if and when the library and Trustees decide it is safe to have in-house programs, we will do that. There was a discussion about where those programs could be advertised, and suggestions were made for the Boulder Bulletin, the library website, the library monthly newsletter, and to have them listed on the annual appeal for membership, as well as the Madison column in the newspaper.

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Candidates (Karen Lord, Linda Drew Smith); Alternates (Mary Holmes, Christina McAllister, and Peter Stevens): All stated that they are willing to serve again.

Meeting Room Pandemic Policy – First Read: Cheryl Littlefield asked how many groups would be impacted when the library is closed. This was discussed. The board suggested that it would be the responsibility of the host of the group or meeting to keep a list of attendees and to make sure that attendees complied with the rules. It was agreed that it was premature at this point to think of opening the Chick Room, but this was something to consider for the future. Cheryl noted that this is a first reading and that this will come back next month.

OTHER BUSINESS: Sloane noted that there will be a Budget Committee meeting on December 8 at 6:00 PM at Madison Elementary School.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to adjourn, seconded by Christina McAlister. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:14 PM.

Next Meeting: December 16, 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 November 19, 2020.