

MADISON LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2021 @ 3:30 PM  
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM  
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDING: Chair Cheryl Littlefield, John Filson, Mary Holmes, Bruce Kennedy, Karen Lord, 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 3:35 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 16, 2020 Regular Meeting: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to approve the minutes of 12-16-20, seconded by Christina McAllister. There was one correction, from “Canopy” to “Kanopy.” With that correction the minutes as amended were approved unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: There was no Treasurer’s Report. The board discussed the Town Budget Drawdowns, both the yearly and the first two weeks of January 2021. They noted that on the yearly drawdown from January through December 2020 we are at 89.81%.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Library Director Sloane Jarell said the statistics for the end of the year look pretty good, considering. She noted that this December was even better than the previous December. Sloane said all data bases are being renewed and Ancestry can be reached from home now, and she will reach out to the public and make sure they know what databases are available. Sloane said she is working on a new website and working out a few glitches; she is hoping in the next two or three weeks to have everything moved to the new website. Patti Rau suggested submitting information to the town column in the transition period. Sloane said upcoming programs include a weekly virtual story time for children put on by the Green Mountain Conservation Group. Sloane said a family member was in quarantine and Sloane herself was in quarantine until they both tested negative. She said she got a sub to fill in while she was out, but otherwise she would have had to close for a couple of days. She said our new world will be flexible. Sloane said the annual report is due before the end of the month and Treasurer Angela Johnson told her that everything looks fine. Sloane said van service at the state library has been very sporadic.

GALLERY: Peter Stevens

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Susan Lee said membership in the Friends continued to be good in 2020. She said dues and donations totaled \$2,590 and there were several other generous donations. She said there was only one book sale in September as book sales have been impacted by Covid restrictions, but she hopes to have monthly outdoor sales during this coming summer and fall in the tent if the library is still not available. She said the Friends’ expenditures to or on behalf of the Madison Library included a new 10 x 20 tent, 2 large air purifiers, 1 in-person and 2 Zoom programs, and \$1,300 to supplement circulation materials. She said the Annual Membership request will be going out soon. She said there was a huge turnout for the New England Lighthouses program, with 91 people registering and about 71 attending. Susan said the Friends have budgeted money for a Library movie license and NH Park Pass as well as for a

circulation supplement and kids' summer reading program. She said the February 11 Zoom program will be "Fierce Females; Women in Art."

#### OLD BUSINESS

Trustee candidates (Karen Lord, Linda Drew Smith) January 20-29, 2021

Where are we going – brainstorm (continuing the conversation): Sloane said she had contacted the Met to find out about their outdoor popups but hasn't heard back yet. Sloane prepared a survey on Library Services which she asked the board to review. She said she will send it out in about 2 weeks. Susan Lee suggested the possibility of loaning out the Zoom account for groups like the knitting or exercise group. Peter Stevens said that sounded like a great idea. Sloane said this will stay on the agenda.

#### NEW BUSINESS

NNHLC Annual meeting will be held via Google Meet on April 6 at 3:00 PM: Sloane said she will need a Trustee to attend. Chery Littlefield said we can figure that out in March.

OTHER BUSINESS: Sloane said she had discussed the Treasurer position with Angela and that Angela said she is feeling overwhelmed at this time. Sloane suggested asking someone else to step up while Angela is still here for another year. She said if no board members are interested, we could get a bookkeeper. This was discussed. Sloane said she asked Angela for a summary of her duties. It was suggested that perhaps a volunteer could do the job. This was discussed and Sloane said she didn't know what the rules were but she would look into it. She said she thought the Cook Library and Effingham Library had bookkeepers and she would get more information on that.

Cheryl Littlefield said she received correspondence from Donna and Mike Villeux suggesting that the Librarian and staff should get a bonus for keeping the library open during Covid. This was discussed and will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Sloane said there is no need, that she and the staff are happy and already feel appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to adjourn, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:22 PM.

Next Meeting: February 17, 2021, 3:30 PM

Town of Madison, Board of Library Trustees  
January 20, 2021

Approved Minutes  
Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose  
Recording Secretary

Draft Minutes e-mailed to the Trustees, Town Clerk, and Library Director on January 21, 2021.

Minutes approved: February 17, 2021

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