

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MARCH 17, 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 3:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 17, 2021 Regular Meeting: Motion by Patti Rau to approve the minutes, seconded by Peter Stevens. There were some corrections. The program, "Museum of Bad Art" was not sponsored by the Friends, there was a phrase left out, and a typo. With these corrections, the minutes as amended were approved unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Cheryl said she thought the Treasurer's Report looked pretty good.

Motion by Bruce Kennedy to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Linda Smith. The motion passed unanimously and the report was accepted and filed for audit. Susan Lee questioned why, in the top left corner of the report, it said "Accrual Basis."

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Sloane Jarell said the statistics are not quite as good as the previous month, but they are still good. She said things have been pretty quiet, but people are walking in the door. She noted that the pickup table has worked out quite well. Linda Smith noted in the statistics that juvenile books have been very popular. Sloane said the program, "Museum of Bad Art," had technical difficulties and the sponsoring library directors of Jackson, Tamworth, Conway, and Madison made the decision to cancel it altogether. She said we are looking forward to more programs where the libraries can work together. She noted that the FOML program, "NH Roads Taken or Not," will be held on March 18. She said we are continuing with the book group and we will again be part of Kindergarten registration with the Madison School. Sloane said she attended the town's Joint Loss Management Meeting to discuss safety concerns, but said she had no safety concerns for the library.

GALLERY: Peter Stevens. Peter said we should have an art course when the time is right. The board agreed that this was a great idea.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Susan Lee said the Friends have so far received \$1,820 as a result of the Annual Membership Drive, along with a separate donation of \$500. She said the Friends were given a set of Britannica Great Books which they were able to sell for \$200. She said the used book sales are still suspended, but the Friends are hoping to have monthly sales outdoors during the summer and fall, possibly including "pop-up" book sales using the tent in a stretch of 3 or 4 days of good weather. She said since they would be weather-dependent, there would be no advance notice for the "pop-up" sales, but we could get the word out. Patti Rau said the Madison Garden Club is planning to have their plant sale on May 22, and maybe we could have a book sale the same day.

OLD BUSINESS

Where are we going – Kanopy: Sloane asked for the thoughts of the board. Some loved Kanopy and some had trouble getting into it. Mary Holmes said she was concerned with some of the kids' content. Sloane agreed with this. Peter said he thought it was a terrific deal in terms of cost. This was discussed. Sloane asked if we want to go forward with it and how it would be funded. Bruce Kennedy asked if we could try it and then review it after two months. There was a discussion about the experiences that other local libraries have had with it. Sloane said libraries our size have been spending about \$55 per month. She said it attracts a certain viewer but it's not for everybody. The board decided to give Kanopy a trial for 3 months if we can get Friends' support. Sloane said we will leave Kanopy Kids off.

Motion by Bruce Kennedy to proceed with the trial of Kanopy as discussed, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously.

NNHLC Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom on April 6 at 5:45 PM (time change): Sloane said that John has volunteered to go. She said she will send information to the board in case anyone else wants to attend.

Treasurer vs. Bookkeeper – update the budget: Sloane said she spoke with Angela Johnson, who said she will finish out her last year on the board but not as Treasurer. Sloane said we need someone else to step forward as Treasurer. She said having a bookkeeper at the same time would alleviate some of the burden. Cheryl offered to be Treasurer if someone else would be the Chair. There were no volunteers. Sloane said she and Cheryl could meet with the bookkeeper candidate to discuss duties and hours. Christina McAllister asked Sloane to send the list of duties to the board. John Filson said it would be good to see what she does for the other libraries. Cheryl said the bookkeeper might be able to come up with a simpler program than what we have. This will come back next month.

"1st Amendment Audits: Sloane said she sent a message to Madison Police Chief Bob King, and she read his response to the board. He said a person has the right to videotape in a public place but recordings cannot obstruct or interfere with government administration. He said New Hampshire is a two-party consent state, and if a patron does not want to be filmed, filming must stop. Sloane said she felt reassured that the library would have support from the police if necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

Accept a donation of a wooden map by Adam Finkel: Linda Smith suggested considering a Deed of Gift; she said the Historical Society has forms for this which she will send to Sloane. The board thought the map would be perfect for the Town Office.

Chick Room use: Cheryl asked the board to consider when the Chick Room could be opened. It was decided to look at this month to month. This will be kept on the agenda.

Aspen Discovery: Sloane explained that this is a user-friendly portal for patrons to sign in to the library. She said several of the KOHA-member libraries are considering going into it together to share the cost as it is expensive. She said we will talk about this at the Annual Meeting, and she will send the board a link.

Volunteers: Sloane said she felt that it was too small a space behind the desk to have volunteers coming in. This will be kept on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS: Sloane said she has received a notice of spring orientation workshops, and anyone who wants to participate can sign up

John Filson asked if the library would receive stimulus funds. Sloane said the funds would go to the state library to be distributed. The board suggested possible uses for the funds.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to adjourn, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM.

Next Meeting: April 21, 2021 @ 3:30 PM

Town of Madison, Board of Library Trustees
March 17, 2021

Approved Minutes
Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose
Recording Secretary
Draft Minutes e-mailed to the Trustees, Town Clerk, and Library Director on March 18, 2021