

MADISON LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MAY 19, 2021 @ 3:30 PM  
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM  
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDING: Chair Cheryl Littlefield, John Filson (via Zoom), 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

April 21, 2021 Regular Meeting: Motion by Peter Stevens to approve the minutes of 4-21-21, seconded by Linda Smith. There were two corrections: change "Arts Grants" to "ARPA Grants"; and "Treasurer vs Bookkeeper" to "Treasurer and Bookkeeper." With those corrections the minutes as amended were approved unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: There were two Profit & Loss statements and the board agreed that they preferred the one with three columns. John Filson said since we don't make a profit, it should be changed to Income & Expense. There was a discussion about some of the line items.

Motion by Bruce Kennedy to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously and the report was accepted and filed for audit.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Sloane Jarell said we had 14 new library cards last month, largely due to Kanopy. Cheryl Littlefield noted that we need to add Kanopy to the statistics sheet under Online Services. Sloane said we have a book sale coming up, as well as a Book Discussion Group, and the Friends have an NH Humanities Program scheduled for June 10: "Life Downstairs: British Servant Culture in Fact, Fiction, and Film." Sloane said the application was just opened up for ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) grants and we may have a sizeable amount available to us. She said she will be in touch with the State Library to bounce ideas off of them. Sloane said One Book, One Valley is still a work in progress; it may be held outside in September, but it is still up in the air. She noted that the CDC has just come out with their new guidelines

Bookkeeper Sheena Abbot briefly joined the meeting via Zoom to introduce herself to the board. Sloane said she will have questions for Sheena when she comes in, and Cheryl has information for her as well.

GALLERY: Peter Stevens.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Susan Lee said our next event is the book sale on May 22. She said the tent will be set up on Saturday morning. She said she has talked with Sloane about letting people come into the Chick Room with masks and social distancing. Susan said the Friends are losing several board members and they are seeking new members; they would love to have some male input.

OLD BUSINESS

Chick Room Use: Sloane said as mentioned, we have new CDC guidelines, but her feeling was that she would like to keep the mask requirement at the library while still following the guidelines of the Chick Room Pandemic Policy, with flexibility. She said she would like to lift the time and capacity limit upstairs and move to 24 hours of quarantining items. Karen Lord said Sloane is in the best position to know what's going on. Sloane suggested keeping a list of those working for the book sale. Susan Lee said we could also keep a voluntary list of people attending the sale. Cheryl suggested offering the Chick Room to those who need the space to put quilts together.

Volunteers: Sloane said she would welcome back volunteers but not behind the desk.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Next Trustee Meeting: Sloane said she will be on vacation on June 16, and it was agreed that the June meeting would be moved to June 23, 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Karen Lord to adjourn, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:14 PM.

Next Meeting: June 23, 2021

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

Approved Minutes  
Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose  
Recording Secretary  
Draft Minutes e-mailed to the Trustees, Town Clerk, and Library Director on May 20, 2021.