

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JUNE 23, 2021 @ 3:30 PM
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDING: Chair Cheryl Littlefield, John Filson, Mary Holmes, 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 3:32 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 19, 2021 Regular Meeting: Motion by Patti Rau to approve the minutes of 5-19-21, seconded by Linda Smith. John Filson suggested spelling out ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021). With this change the minutes as amended were approved unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Sloane said that we have our drawdown and that next time she will include the percentage for the year. Cheryl noted that the investments were not included in the report and that we will need a separate report for investments. Sloane noted that the words "Profit and Loss" in the title will be changed to "Income and Expense." She said she will be working on all the financial lines.

Motion by Linda Smith to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously and the report was accepted and filed for audit.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Sloane said the statistics were okay although a little bit sluggish. She said the Friends have an upcoming program on July 22, "Rosie's Mom: Forgotten Women of the First World War." She said in July we will do a tiny art program and anybody age 12 or older can register for a kit and paint whatever you would like and then submit it. She said in the end we will have a big display of tiny artwork. Sloane notified the board that we have received the grant for Round 1 of the ARPA grant (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021). She said the theme of the grant proposal was to bring physical bodies back into the library. She outlined the items that were purchased with grant funds. She said the theme for Round 2 of the grant relates to the community; she was thinking of trying to get the town and school involved in establishing a real path between the library and the school, preferably a lighted path. She said Aspen training starts in July and it will be recorded so we can do it all over again in the spring. She said we received \$200 from our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. Sloane said a patron asked if we had an Adopt an Author program, which Sloane thought might be something to consider. She said the way it would work would be for a patron to reimburse us for purchasing a book by an author whom the patron "adopted," and we would add a book plate acknowledging the purchase; this will be explained in an upcoming newsletter.

GALLERY: Peter Stevens

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Susan Lee said we've had two used-book sales outside in the tent including limited access to the Chick Room and back room; we had 56 shoppers at the first event and 31 at the second. She said we continue to have good reviews on our Humanities programs. She said we are still waiting to hear whether we will be able to have an in-person program at the school in August. Sloane said

she had heard that we can use the school but we haven't gotten confirmation on the actual date yet. Susan said we have enlisted several new board members: Nancy Knight, Linda Owings, Rebecca Wilkins, and Sumac Grant-Johnson. She said Fay has been fighting against the drought in attempting to keep the library garden going, while the Friends are paying for garden supplies, including a new lightweight hose. She said in general, things are going well.

OLD BUSINESS

Chick Room Use: Sloane said she thought we could go back to full capacity in the Chick Room but she would like to keep requiring masks upstairs because we have two staff members who have young children. She said downstairs she would leave mask-wearing to the discretion of the group.

Volunteers: Sloane said volunteers can come back to the library but not behind the desk.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OTHER BUSINESS: John asked about the current policy for donating books for the book sales. Susan said we are accepting books and there should be a list on the door of what books we don't accept. She said we are having people call to make an appointment to come in with the books. She added that at the next Friends board meeting we will assign people to organize the books once a month.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by John Filson to adjourn, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:08 PM.

Next Meeting: July 21, 2021

Town of Madison, Board of Library Trustees
June 23, 2021

Approved Minutes
Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose
Recording Secretary
Draft Minutes e-mailed to the Trustees, Town Clerk, and Library Director on June 24, 2021.