

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

ATTENDING: Vice Chair Linda Smith, Mary Holmes, Bruce Kennedy, Karen Lord, Christina McAllister, Patti Rau, Peter Stevens (via Zoom); Sloane Jarell, Library Director

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Linda Smith called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 15, 2021 Regular Meeting: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to approve the minutes of 9-15-21, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: The board reviewed the report.

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: Sloane said she thought the statistics were fine overall, with circulation not too bad compared to past years. She said the kids have not yet come in quite as much as previously, but the school is having a family night in 2 weeks and Sloane will try to attend and submit packets to drum up business and invite the kids back. She said American Air returned and they now think the problem with the air conditioner is the motherboard; they will get a quote to Sloane. She said there has been no story time this month because Cam has been out on Fridays, but not many have been showing up anyway. She noted that Gordy will soon be taking some paternal leave.

GALLERY: Peter Stevens

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Susan Lee was not present. Sloane read the Friends' Report. She said the final Zoom program of the year is Thursday night at 7:00 PM on the Middle East. The Friends are lining up their programs for next year and they are looking into the possibility of having an in-person program at the school in August and a final program in October 2022. She said last Saturday was the last book sale of the season, but the Book Sale room will be open during the library Open House on December 11. Sloane said the Granite Bench in memory of Carol Batchelder has been delivered and installed in the garden to the right of the stairs. She said this year the Friends have given the library \$2,280 for circulation materials, Tumblebooks, summer reading, Kanopy and the NH State Park Pass, and they have also paid for the One Valley, One Book membership and the movie license.

OLD BUSINESS

Holidays – personnel policy: Sloane said the personnel policy is ready for the board to sign.

Motion by Patti Rau to approve the holiday dates for 2022 as presented, as well as the personnel policy, seconded by Bruce Kennedy. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget: on as a placeholder.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Recording Secretary: As recommended by Board Chair Cheryl Littlefield, the board increased the payment to the recording secretary by \$5.00

Motion by Bruce Kennedy to increase the Recording Secretary's payment by \$5.00 for a total of \$45.00 per meeting, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously.

NNHLC: Sloane said the co-op meeting was held last week and there was a discussion about authorizing the co-op to accept money. She said the advantages would be that the co-op could apply for grants as one unit, get databases at a better price, and accept the bookmobile. She said making Albany part of the co-op is still a work in progress. She said the co-op agreement would not be voted on until April and it will be reviewed by board members prior to the vote.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to adjourn, seconded by Patti Rau. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:04 PM.

Next Meeting: November 17, 2021 - 3:30 PM

Town of Madison, Board of Library Trustees  
October 18, 2021

Approved Minutes  
Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose  
Recording Secretary

Draft Minutes e-mailed to the Trustees, Town Clerk, and Library Director on October 20, 2021