

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2021 @ 3:30 PM
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDING: Chair Cheryl Littlefield, Mary Holmes, Bruce Kennedy, Karen Lord, Christina McAllister, Patti Rau, Linda Smith; Susan Lee, Friends of the Library; Sloane Jarell, Library Director

PUBLIC ATTENDNG: John Filson (via Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Cheryl Littlefield called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 20, 2021 Regular Meeting: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to approve the minutes of 10-20-21, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed 6-0-1 with 1 abstention.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Updated report will be e-mailed to the board. Cheryl Littlefield said the Budget Drawdown looks pretty good.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Sloane Jarell said American Air has not been back to fix the air conditioner due to the ongoing chip shortage. She said we have winter programs coming up: December 3 at 5:30 PM will be the Tree Lighting, featuring the Madison Elementary School Chorus and a fire pit, marshmallows, and cocoa; December 7 at 7 PM we will be looking at book selections for next year; December 11 from 9 AM-12 PM will be the Holiday Open House and Friends' book sale. Sloane said One Book One Valley was a success. She said the Madison Elementary School had a Family Night where we handed out packets of information on the library, along with library card applications. Sloane said she attended a meeting of the Advisory Budget Committee and there were no questions for the library. She said Gordy will begin coaching in a couple of week and Sloane will fill in on Saturdays.

GALLERY: Peter Stevens

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Susan Lee said the Friends have added two new board members. She said the Friends have presented 9 Humanities programs this year which were all paid by grants. She said we are lining up programs for next year and we are hoping to hold the June program in person and the August program at the Madison Elementary School. She noted that during the winter months, attendance increases with Zoom meetings. She said during the Holiday Open House on December 11, there will be a book sale during library hours. She noted that the Friends are starting to work on the 2022 budget and she expressed gratitude for a generous donation from Anne and John Filson. She asked the Trustees to be thinking about a project and to "think big!"

OLD BUSINESS

Budget: Sloane said the budget is done and the increases in staff wages will take place January 1.

Susan Lee asked about parking lot striping, and Sloane said that was done but it fades, and after the winter we can decide if that is something we need to do. She added that the town will install bumpers in front of the walking ramp.

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NEW BUSINESS

Increasing bandwidth: Sloane said Spectrum indicated that the bandwidth will be much improved.

Sloane noted that we need a new sign and now is a good time to do this with the new library hours; she is ordering magnets as well. John Filson suggested notifying the Selectmen about the change in hours, and Bruce Kennedy added that notifying the police and the snowplow drivers would be a good idea as well.

OTHER BUSINESS: Cheryl Littlefield thanked Bruce Kennedy for covering the Treasurer's duties while she was away.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to adjourn, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:06 PM.

Next Meeting: December 15, 2021 - 3:30 PM

Town of Madison, Board of Library Trustees
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Approved Minutes
Respectfully submitted,

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