

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2022 @ 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; Sloane Jarell, Library Director

PUBLIC ATTENDING: John Filson (via remote)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 19, 2022 Regular Meeting: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to approve the minutes, second by Karen Lord. The motion passed 6-0-1 with 1 abstaining.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: The board approved of the revised and revamped balance sheet and self-generated funds sheet.

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 she thought the statistics looked very good. She said the circulation figures show that we are back in business. She noted that downloadable magazines were off the charts this month. Sloane notified the board that we have a high school student, a Madison resident, coming in doing volunteer work, and she has had a call from another student wanting to volunteer as well. She said people are signing up for the "One Thousand Books Before Kindergarten" program. She said she is going to try to get permission to hand out library cards and other library information at the town meeting on March 12. She noted that our state library annual report is due at the end of April.

GALLERY: Jay Rancourt

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Next program, February 17, 2022 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom): Granite State Gallery: NH Art and Artists Through the Years."

OLD BUSINESS

Chick Room Covid Policy: Discussed. Motion by Bruce Kennedy to keep the mask policy in place for now, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously.

Chick Room Windows: Still waiting for someone to come and look at the windows.

Alternates: Discussed. Two alternates needed.

Town Meeting – March 12 – Warrant Article: Sloane said there will be no library warrant article after all.

Friends of Madison Library – Feedback on Large Purchase for Library: The board discussed library exits.

NEW BUSINESS

Bookmobile: The board discussed the possibility of a bookmobile for the libraries of the NNHL Cooperative. The board was in favor of looking into this and a committee was formed, consisting of the Library Director and two trustees, to further explore the issue.

Town Meeting – March 12, 2022

Political Issues in the Library World: Sloane updated the board on a nationwide increase in book challenges. She asked if materials could be challenged only by a Madison taxpayer. A suggestion was made to change “Madison taxpayer” to “Madison resident.” Sloane said there is a national effort to have warrant articles for libraries to have local school curriculum material available to the public, while the state library has suggested having the school library make this information available online. Sloane said NH Bill 1529, introduced on February 10, 2022, would “establish procedures for library trustees of public libraries to obtain a background check prior to commencing employment or volunteer service” as stated on the legiscan.com website.

Copier: Sloane said the copier has stopped working, and as she had advised the board previously, parts are no longer being made for this 2008 model. After discussion the board agreed that leasing to own a color copier was the best option.

Motion by Bruce Kennedy to recommend a lease to own color copier at monthly payments of up to \$95.25 a month, seconded by Patti Rau. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Peter Stevens to adjourn, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2022 - 3:30 PM

Town of Madison, Board of Library Trustees
February 16, 2022

Approved Minutes
Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose
Recording Secretary
Draft Minutes e-mailed to the Trustees, Town Clerk, and Library Director on February 17, 2022