

MADISON LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 2022 @ 3:30 PM  
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM  
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDING: Chair Cheryl Littlefield, Betty Fernandes, Mary Holmes, Bruce Kennedy (via Zoom), Karen Lord, Christina McAllister, Patti Rau (via Zoom), David Stevens, Peter Stevens; Sloane Jarell, Library Director

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 21, 2022 Regular Meeting: Motion by Peter Stevens to approve the minutes of 9-21-22, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: The report was reviewed by the board.

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

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Sloane Jarell:

- The statistics look fine, with circulation increasing beyond pre-covid levels.
- Numbers will go up even more once we return to having programming on site.
- Downloadable books have gone up, as we discussed last month.
- Sloane and Denise attended Back to School night at Madison Elementary which went very well. They got at least 6 library card signups and handed out a lot of information.
- ACTS (Assistance Canine Training Services) will bring a demonstration dog for Storytime next week.
- Patti Rau will attend the Advisory Budget Committee meeting next week.
- Sloane will be on vacation from October 27-November 1.

GALLERY: Heidi Weismann for one month, then J.P. Goodwin

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: The first in-person program will take place tomorrow at 7:00 PM, "Exemplary Country Estates of New Hampshire." Next year's programs have already been chosen.

OLD BUSINESS

Chick Room Windows: On as a placeholder.

2023 Holiday Dates – library closure schedule: The library will be closed on the Monday after January 1. The library will be open on the Friday before Veteran’s Day.

Librarian Evaluation: Discussed.

Motion by Christina McAllister to raise the rates for librarian and assistants 23% over last year’s salary, with a 5% increase for substitutes, a total increase of \$14,857.50. Seconded by Patti Rau. The motion passed unanimously. After further discussion the motion was withdrawn by Christina.

Motion by Karen Lord to raise the rates for all library employees by 23% for a total of \$14,931.70. Seconded by Peter Stevens. The motion passed unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Budget: Sloane said she will drop Ancestry due to lack of use. She said with increases in such items as downloadable books, and Eversource, there is a total increase of 8.29% over last year’s budget. Sloane said regarding the \$9,000 donation, she was in the process of getting quotes for such items as 3 computers upstairs along with a software subscription for each computer; tables and chairs and other items for updating the Chick Room, museum passes, metal detector, and tote bags. A suggestion was made to purchase a new iPad Pro with LiDAR Scanner. Sloane will look into it.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Karen Lord to adjourn, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:48 PM.

Next Meeting: November 16, 2022 – 3:30 PM  
Town of Madison, Board of Library Trustees  
Approved Minutes  
Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose  
Recording Secretary  
Draft Minutes e-mailed to the Trustees, Town Clerk, and Library Director on October 20, 2022.