

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2022 @ 3:30 PM
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDING: Chair Cheryl Littlefield, Betty Fernandes, Karen Lord, Christina McAllister, Patti Rau, Linda Smith, Peter Stevens; Susan Lee, Friends of the Library; Sloane Jarell, Library Director

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 19, 2022 Regular Meeting: Motion by Patti Rau to approve the minutes, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: The board agreed that the Budget Drawdown looks good. Sloane said she will send out the bookkeeper's summary.

Motion by Linda Smith 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:

- The statistics look good; we are right back to our pre-pandemic numbers.
- The Winter Tree Lighting will take place on Thursday, December 8 at 5:30 PM, with holiday songs performed by the Madison Elementary Chorus, hot chocolate, and a marshmallow roast. Sloane noted that the Madison Fire Department will hold its first annual Christmas Party on December 18 and she said she is hoping that next year we could combine the two events.
- The Holiday Open House and Book Sale will take place on Saturday, December 10 from 9:00 AM to noon.
- The Budget Committee meeting was moved to next Monday at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Betty Fernandes asked if the library would offer bridge. Sloane agreed to give it a try starting in January. Sloane said the younger kids are coming back for Storytime, but not the Elementary students. She said one Elementary School teacher is planning to bring her students here. Sloane said Denise is doing an amazing job and is drawing up a lesson plan for each Storytime.

GALLERY: J.P. Goodwin

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Susan Lee:

- Susan suggested having an Art Program because of the success of the Tiny Art project, with a different artist coming for a weekly two-hour session in the spring, inside or outside. Sloane agreed that this was a good idea.
- The Friends had six book sales this year.
- The Friends have received \$6,400 in donations besides small contributions, along with a substantial donation from John Filson and an anonymous \$500 donation.
- The Friends have paid for Tumble books, a new copier, Summer Reading, Madison participation in One Book, One Valley, Kanopy, Aspen Discovery, and the State Park pass. Susan said she will be putting that on the Friends' list next year for their budget.

Christina McAllister noted that the Exemplary Country Estates program was awesome.

OLD BUSINESS

Chick Room Windows: On as a placeholder.
Budget: In the board packet.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairs/Computers – order using donation: Sloane said she would like to purchase a number of Mork stackable chairs at \$325 each, using the \$9,000 donation. She said she still wanted to get three square tables and a couple of new computers. The board agreed to purchase as many chairs as the \$9,000 donation would cover. Susan Lee said the Friends would purchase the tables. Sloane said the computer purchase can be put off to next year.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

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

Next Meeting: December 21, 2022 – 3:30 PM
Town of Madison, Board of Library Trustees
Draft Minutes
Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose, Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved: December 21, 2022

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