

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2022 @ 3:30 PM
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES

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

OTHERS ATTENDNG: John Filson (via remote)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 16, 2022 Regular Meeting: Motion by Patti Rau to approve the minutes of 11-16-22, seconded by Peter Stevens. The motion passed 7-0-2 with 2 abstaining.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Cheryl said she thought the drawdown looked very good. Christina said she thought the Self-Generated Funds Report might need some work; she wanted it to include the whole year and said it might go to a two-page 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: Library Director Sloane Jarell:

- Starting in January 2023 the Director's Report to the Board will no longer include the top block explaining the timeline of the Covid response.
- Sloane thought the statistics looked great and said our statistics for the year will probably be pretty close to those of 2019.
- Upcoming programs include Dinner and a Movie Night once a month on Wednesdays starting in January. This will be included in the newsletter.
- The Friends have a program coming up in January called "All Eyes Are Upon Us: Racial Struggles in the Northeast, from Jackie Robinson to Barack Obama."
- Kindergarteners are coming in to the library.
- Sloane opened the library on Sunday because of the storm, and people were grateful.
- The Lighting of the Tree went very well, with about 100 people attending.
- In future meetings we will discuss the Right to Know Law. Sloane will be putting together a policy that outlines how we respond to this.

- We lost our phones at the library during the recent storm, but they are back now.

GALLERY: J.P. Goodwin

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Susan Lee:

- Book sales May through October plus the December Open House raised \$1,300.
- The Friends have scheduled 8 programs for 2023 through the Humanities Council, 3 via Zoom and 5 in person.
- The FOML budget for 2023 includes funds for the purchase of new tables for the Chick Room as well as funds for circulation supplement, Tumble Books, Summer Reading, Kanopy usage, and One Book One Valley.

OLD BUSINESS

Chick Room Windows: On as a placeholder.

Budget – full budget: The Self-Generated Fund Report was discussed again and the consensus was that it should be left as is.

Chairs/Computers – order using donation: Slone said the purchase of chairs turned out to cost less than we thought; she would love to use the remaining funds for museum passes and to buy one new computer. The board agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

Advisory Budget Committee – January 17 at 6:15 PM: Susan Lee suggested that the board address the request of an Advisory Budget Committee member for information. The response to the Committee was discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Peter Stevens to adjourn, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:43 PM.

Next Meeting: January 19, 2023 – 3:30 PM

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

Patricia Ambrose, Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved: January 18, 2023

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