

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2023 @ 3:30 PM
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES

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

OTHERS ATTENDING: John Filson (via remote)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 21, 2022 Regular Meeting: Motion by Linda Smith to approve the minutes of 12/21/22, seconded by Bruce Kennedy. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Regarding the Budget Drawdown, Library Director Sloane Jarell explained that the new budget started in the last week of December. She said there will be a carryover of the self-generated funds.

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

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Sloane Jarell:

- The statistics for the year show a total of over 19,000 items in circulation; we had 144 new patrons.
- Programs are ongoing, with Dinner and a Movie tonight, and Zoom programs sponsored by the Friends in January and February.
- We hope to have attendance at our Kids' Book Club.
- The Carroll County Libraries have decided to join Big Read of New Hampshire and incorporate their book choice into our One Book One Valley event. The book choice will be The Bear by Andrew Krivak.
- Town Reports are due on January 26.

GALLERY: J.P. Goodwin

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Sloane said the Friends' Zoom program tomorrow night is "All Eyes Are Upon Us: Racial Struggles in the Northeast, from Jackie Robinson to Barack Obama," and there will be another program in February. She said \$250 was

given for the Bookmobile Committee, and the Committee is looking for grants as well. Sloane offered to be the fiscal agent in 2023 for this project and there will be a line in the budget for it. Christina McAllister passed around a Bookmobile flyer for the board to review.

OLD BUSINESS

Chick Room Windows: On as a placeholder.

Advisory Budget Committee Meeting 1/17: Sloane thanked David Stevens and all board members for their participation in the Advisory Budget Committee meeting. She said Selectmen and Budget Committee members will be looking for public input at the Public Budget Hearing scheduled for February 14 at 7:00 PM, to be held at the school.

NEW BUSINESS

Library 30 Years Old: Cheryl Littlefield said we are fortunate to have recently received photos of the construction of the library 30 years ago and we are thinking of doing something regarding the anniversary of the library at the Old Home Week this summer.

Newsletter Article: Sloane said it had been suggested that members of the Trustees write in the newsletter to encourage participation in the Town Meeting in March.

OTHER BUSINESS: The new chairs have arrived. Sloane said she will let people know that the old chairs are available.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to adjourn, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Next Meeting: February 15, 2023 – 3:30 PM

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

Patricia Ambrose
Recording Secretary