

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2023 @ 3:30 PM
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDING: Vice Chair Linda Smith, Betty Fernandes, Mary Holmes, Bruce Kennedy, Christina McAllister, Patti Rau, Peter Stevens; Sloane Jarell, Library Director

OTHERS 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 18, 2023 Regular Meeting: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to approve the minutes of 1-18-23, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Treasurer Christina McAllister said the format of the report is still not working as well as we would like. She said she will work with Library Director Sloane Jarell to make the report more useful. The board thanked Christina for her work.

Motion by Patti Rau 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 show that in total circulation we had our very best month ever. She said this shows that people are getting what they want from the library.
- The Friends of the Library are working on getting State Park passes. Sloane is also hoping to acquire passes to the Portland Museum of Art, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, and the Wright Museum of World War II.
- Our programs include Dinner and a Movie night to be held tonight.
- Book Discussion Group will be held on February 21.
- Sloane was pleased to say that the kids' group is starting to take off.
- The library will be receiving 300 over-the-counter Covid-19 Antigen testing kits from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services; the tests will be free to anyone who requests one.
- The Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2023.

- The Friends of the Library donated \$250 for the Bookmobile.

GALLERY: Peter Stevens will set up an exhibit on Sunday. Peter said the exhibit will focus on line drawings relevant to a possible introductory art class. Peter said he is also working on a lecture on how Artificial Intelligence (AI) is taking over the art world. He said we will be able to watch AI as it creates art on the spot from voice commands.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: The Friends' program on February 28 via Zoom will be "The Finest Hours: The True Story Behind the US Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescue."

OLD BUSINESS

Chick Room Windows: On as a placeholder.

Library 30 Years Old: Sloane is hoping to have an event at Old Home Week to include pictures of the building of the library 30 years ago provided by Chris Martin, as well as a combination of birthday party and possibly a Book Sale and a Touch-a-Truck event for the kids.

Newsletter Article: Sloane said the next newsletter will include articles written by Trustees.

NEW BUSINESS

Advisory Budget Committee Meeting 2/14: The board agreed that the meeting went pretty well.

Notary Public: The board discussed whether this should be a service provided by the library. Sloane will get more information.

NNHLC Annual Meeting April 11, 6:00 PM at Jackson Public Library: Linda Smith will attend with Sloane.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Peter Stevens to adjourn, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:21 PM.

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

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

Patricia Ambrose
Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved: March 15, 2023

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