

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

ATTENDING: Chair Cheryl Littlefield, Betty Fernandes, Mary Holmes, Christina McAllister, Linda Smith, Peter Stevens; Sloane Jarell, Library Director

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 15, 2023 Regular Meeting: Motion by Peter Stevens to approve the minutes of 2-15-23, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Treasurer Christina McAllister noted an error on the report and said it will be corrected. There was a discussion about the co-mingling of the bookmobile funds with library funds and whether there should be a separate account. Sloane Jarell said we are the fiscal agent this year for the bookmobile funds and we would have to have this voted on and approved at a Bookmobile Committee meeting. Christina said the co-mingling issue might apply to the Pequawket funds as well. It was agreed to postpone this discussion until April.

Motion by Karen Lord to accept the Treasurer's Report as corrected, seconded by Linda Smith. 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; a lot of people are coming in. Sloane divided Children's Programming into ages 0-5 and 6-11 because the state is requiring more detailed statistics.
- Tumblebooks will not be renewed this year because of a rise in price and lack of usage. Sloane suggested buying more magnets instead.
- We've decided to do two kids' book groups so the kids will have a choice.
- Denise has been doing a great job. She will be providing a program at Madison Elementary School's (MES) After School Program during March and April.
- Denise attended the MES Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss/Parent Information Night and handed out library cards and provided information to parents.
- Denise attended a workshop in Concord on Computational Thinking with Indi Car Robot. In return, the library was given an Indi Student Kit (\$125 value) for free. This introduces early learners to the fundamentals of critical problem-solving and computational thinking skills.
- There were a couple of errors in the Annual Report including incorrect library hours. Sloane will bring magnets listing the correct hours to hand out at the Town Meeting on Saturday.

- Sloane attended a Joint Management meeting to discuss health and safety issues. Our curbs in front of the parking lot never got picked up so they are now embedded in the piles of snow. Sloane learned that there is PFA contamination of our water at the library and asked if we should think about getting a bubbler. She will put a sign over the sink saying not to drink the water.

GALLERY: Peter Stevens

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Tomorrow night's program is "Wit and Wisdom" with Joe Ratner. Membership letters have gone out.

ELECTIONS

Town Elections: Results were discussed. Sloane said she would like to have a Candidates' Night at the library next year.

Trustee Elections:

Chair: Motion by Christina McAllister to nominate Cheryl Littlefield for Chair, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair: Motion by Christina McAllister to nominate Linda Smith for Vice Chair, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Motion by Cheryl Littlefield to nominate Christina McAllister for Treasurer, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary: Postponed until April.

Alternates: David Stevens, Mary Holmes, and Betty Fernandes.

NNHLC Committees: Linda Smith.

Bookmobile Committee: Christina McAllister.

OLD BUSINESS

Chick Room Windows: On as a placeholder.

Newsletter Article: Good intentions but it never happened.

Advisory Budget Committee Meeting 2/14: Discussed at last meeting.

Notary Public: Sloane will pursue this.

NNHLC Annual Meeting April 11, 6:00 PM at Jackson Public Library (Zoom available).

NEW BUSINESS

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Town Meeting: Saturday, March 18 at 9:00 AM: Most Trustees are planning to attend.

OTHER BUSINESS: Cheryl Littlefield put in a request for a new Mahjong set for the library. Sloane said she will talk to the Friends.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Karen Lord to adjourn, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:18 PM.

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

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

Patricia Ambrose
Recording Secretary