

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
APRIL 19, 2023 @ 3:30 PM
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDING: Vice Chair Linda Smith, Betty Fernandes, Mary Holmes, Christina McAllister, Patti Rau, David Stevens, Peter Stevens; Susan Lee, Friends of the Library; Sloane Jarell, Library Director

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Linda Smith called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 15, 2023 Regular Meeting: Motion by Peter Stevens to approve the minutes, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Treasurer Christina McAllister provided two budget formats and explained the difference between the two. She said one format doesn't have the detailed information that Sloane needs, so we are keeping the other one. She noted that there are still changes that need to be made. She said we know what we've received from the Friends and what we've spent, and basically our financial position looks good. She said we have made money on our investments. She noted that the Library Drawdown looks good at 28.24%. She said we have discussed co-mingling the bookmobile funds with library funds and we know we have to change the bi-laws and it has to be voted on. Susan Lee said this could cause problems for the Friends because under New Hampshire law we are only supposed to give money to our supported organization, the library. Library funding was discussed. Sloane noted that the bookmobile project will probably move to 2025.

Motion by Patti Rau to approve the Treasurer's Report with amendments to be made, seconded by Peter Stevens. The motion passed unanimously.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Sloane Jarell:

- The Chick Room is being used non-stop; the statistics look really good.
- We are working on a program in conjunction with the Rec Committee.
- The Chess Club is just starting and is already really popular. We have many other activities going as well, such as mahjong, the book groups, and exercise classes.
- The driveway has been cleared of sand and the town fixed the fence. They had questions about trimming the pine trees behind the fence. Peter Stevens said the trees should go.
- Denise is conducting two different book groups to give the kids a choice.
- We got approval for a UNH guest speaker in July, talking about whales and seals.
- We just finished the After School Program at the school. For the next session, Sloane will ask if the students could come here so they can become acquainted with the library. She would like them to be able to walk over in the fall and late spring.
- One Book One Valley has chosen to read The Bear by Andrew Krivak this year.

- Sloane attended a meeting of the Bearcamp Valley Library Association (BVLA) Committee and she is now the Chair of that Committee.

Christina McAllister asked if there was a way to put the Indi Car Robot to use, as discussed at the last meeting. She said it teaches kids programming skills and is a great tool for kids.

GALLERY: Peter Stevens

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Susan Lee said the program tomorrow night is “Range the Wild Woods Over: Loggers’ Songs and Stories,” featuring Jeff Warner with a variety of instruments. She said this program is co-sponsored with the Madison Historical Society and starts at 7:00 PM after the Annual Meeting of the Friends, which starts at 6:00 PM. Susan notified the Board that she has filed a copy of the Friends’ non-profit tax return as well as the document that gets filed with the State of New Hampshire.

OLD BUSINESS

Chick Room Windows: On as a placeholder but Sloane may be talking to someone about it this week.

Notary Public – Update – Sent in Paperwork 3/29. Sloane is writing up a policy for next month.

NNHLC Annual Meeting April 11, 6:00 PM @ Jackson Public Library (Zoom Available): Sloane and Linda Smith attended via Zoom. She said the focus of the meeting was trying to figure out the right language for bi-laws.

Town Meeting: Discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectmen’s Meeting: 3/21/23: Discussed.

Water Dispenser: A water dispenser is on the way.

Request for Reconsideration Policy and Form: Reviewed by the Board in September. Christina suggested adding a question: “Do you have a Madison library card?”

Chick Room Use – Parties: Sloane had a request for a birthday party here but did not think that was an appropriate use of the facilities. The Board agreed with Sloane.

OTHER BUSINESS: Linda Smith said that she had been asked if it was appropriate for the library to allow petitions to be held for signing at the library. After discussion it was agreed that petitions could be held in the vestibule along with a disclaimer.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Patti Rau to adjourn, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM.

Next Meeting: May 17, 2023 – 3:30 PM

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

Patricia Ambrose
Recording Secretary