

MADISON LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MAY 17, 2023 @ 3:30 PM  
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM  
APPROVED MINUTES

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

April 19, 2023 Regular Meeting: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to approve the minutes of 4-19-23, seconded by Linda Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: The board agreed with Treasurer Christina McAllister that the Budget Drawdown looked good at 34.7%. There was a question about the Bookmobile support. Library Director Sloane Jarell explained that we received a grant last year and we paid an attorney to go over the bylaws. Christina said the market is up and down, but we are making a little money; everything is looking good.

Motion by Peter Stevens 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:

- The statistics look good. It was noted that attendance and circulation figures were above average.
- Last Sunday we had 11 participants of various ages in the Chess Club.
- We've had 6 museum passes go out and hopefully they will continue to go.
- We have a variety of upcoming programs, including tonight's Dinner and a Movie.
- Sloane and Denise will be going to the final Madison Elementary School Assembly of the year to promote the Summer Reading Program starting the week of June 20.

Patti Rau said the Library Newsletter looks great.

GALLERY: Peter Stevens

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Susan Lee:

- The Friends' next book sale will be held on Saturday, May 20 from 9:00 AM to 12 noon at the library.

- The Friends have received \$1,500 in grants for presenters.
- The next program will be Thursday, May 25, at 7:00 PM in the Chick Room, hosted by Dr. Joshua Tepley on the topic, “Does Truth Matter?” a New Hampshire Humanities program as part of a series on *Open Questions*, thought-provoking community conversations.
- The Friends have agreed to purchase tables for the Chick Room; to provide money for the purchase of new magnets containing library hours and contact information; and a new Mahjong set.
- The Friends have made a contribution to the Summer Reading Program.

Susan said we are supporting our library.

Linda Smith noted that the sign outside the library had been damaged by the high winds, and the repair of the sign was discussed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Water Dispenser: Ordered and awaiting delivery.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Notary Public Policy: Sloane said she received her notary certification and has been reading the instruction manual and will order a notary stamp. She said we should have a policy in place; a draft policy was included in the board packet. After discussion Sloane said she will look into the town’s notary policy.

OTHER BUSINESS: Sloane said the Rec Committee is planning a Summer Carnival on Saturday, June 17 from 1:00 PM-4:00 PM, and they have invited all town departments to participate. Sloane suggested that the library could have a booth, but noted that we need ideas and participation. She asked board members to e-mail her with ideas. She said there had been a request by the Rec Program for the library to allow Rec Program kids to participate in the Summer Reading Program. Sloane said this would require money to be spent on supplies, but it was noted that this would also have the benefit of introducing more kids to the library.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to adjourn, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:13 PM.

Next Meeting: June 21, 2023 – 3:30 PM

Town of Madison, Board of Library Trustees Approved Minutes

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose  
Recording Secretary