

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

ATTENDING: Mary Holmes, Bruce Kennedy, Cheryl Littlefield, Karen Lord, Christina McAllister, Patti Rau, Linda Smith; Sloane Jarell, Library Director

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 20, 2023 Regular Meeting: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to approve the minutes of 9-20-23, seconded by Linda Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Treasurer Christina McAllister said the Budget Drawdown looks really good, and the Self-generated Funds look good as well. She said Investments went down some but are still up more than they were two months ago. Karen Lord asked whether we can carry over the balance if it isn't spent, and Sloane Jarell said these non-town funds can be carried over. Patti Rau asked if the \$4,000 donation is part of the balance and Christina said it is. Christina pointed out a discrepancy that needed to be resolved.

Motion by Patti Rau to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Sloane Jarell:

- The statistics look really good. The Chick Room is being used constantly. Cheryl Littlefield noted that we added 11 new library members.
- Halloween Town is coming up on Saturday, October 21, and Sloane has been busy decorating and getting ready for it.
- We received a donation from Believe in Books for the Trunk or Treat at Burke Field.
- This is a busy month for community events.
- Denise is working on Afterschool Programs.
- One Book One Valley will be held on November 2 at the Majestic Theatre.
- Sloane will attend the next Advisory Budget Committee meeting on November 7 and would like to have at least one board member attend as well.
- The Ossipee Public Library may be interested in joining the NNHLC. We are meeting this Friday to share information. If they join it would take place in April. This is where the Bookmobile would come in handy.

There was a discussion about the Ossipee Public Library joining the Coop. Christina pointed out that the Bookmobile will not take place until 2025 because the grant can't be applied for until next June and the vehicles would not arrive until the following year. Christina noted that she would like to have someone else take over the Bookmobile job as she feels she has taken on too

much. She said the Bookmobile Committee meets once a month, on Mondays at 5:00 PM, via Zoom or at the Cook Library in Tamworth. Sloane said we should talk about moving the time to 6:00 PM.

GALLERY: Jan Eskedal

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: No report.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Donation: Sloane said we need to come up with a plan for the donated funds, and she suggested that the front door of the library could be made more accessible for wheelchairs and walkers. She said she would look into the cost. She asked for any other ideas board members might have.

Budget: Sloane handed out a budget sheet for board members and noted that last year's comments were on the sheet. She said she will update this.

Table: Sloane said she would like to contact the Madison DPW to see if they would take the old conference table to the transfer station or wherever they want to take it. The board agreed.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

2024 Holiday Dates – library closure schedule: Sloane noted that half of the Coop libraries are closed on the Friday after Thanksgiving, which is normally a very slow day. The board agreed that the Madison Library should be closed that day.

Motion by Bruce Kennedy to approve the 2024 Holiday Dates as discussed, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to adjourn, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

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

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

Patricia Ambrose  
Recording Secretary

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