

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 @ 3:30 PM
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDING: Betty Fernandes, Mary Holmes, Bruce Kennedy, Cheryl Littlefield, Christina McAllister, Linda Smith, Peter Stevens; Susan Lee, Friends of the Library; Sloane Jarell, Library Director

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 16, 2023 Regular Meeting: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to approve the minutes of 8-16-23, seconded by Linda Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Treasurer Christina McAllister pointed out several lines in the Budget Drawdown where corrections needed to be made, such as the Phone line, the Library – Other line, and the Supplies line. She said it would be beneficial to have a quick meeting with the bookkeeper. There was a discussion about the hours of the Library Director and how they fluctuate.

Motion by Peter Stevens 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 look awesome, the best we've done since before Covid.
- Programs are going well.
- Tonight is Dinner and a Movie Night.
- We are planning a Parent Coffee and Activity next Monday; trying to get parents to come in and see what we have to offer.
- The Book Group is coming up.
- Mrs. Caputo from Madison Elementary will be coming in the first Wednesday of each month to read to the children.
- One Book One Valley is coming up.
- The budget deadline is approaching.

Christina McAllister said there will be a Game Group beginning on Thursdays from 2:30-4:30.

GALLERY: Jan Eskedal

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Susan Lee:

- The FOML have received two generous donations; she asked if the library needed a backup generator.
- The next program is on Rome and Pompeii in the Chick Room on October 12.
- Book sales continue to do well and have brought in about \$1,300 this year.
- We have new totes that cost \$17 each and come with a coupon for 5 free book sale books.
- The FOML paid for new tables for the Chick Room and for the summer reading program.
- We received a donation of plants from New Hampshire Perennials as well as mulch, which was spread around the garden by the Boy Scouts Group 51, which was greatly appreciated.

OLD BUSINESS

Donation: Sloane said the library received a donation of \$4,000 and we need to have a plan for that.

Librarian Evaluation: Sloane left the room while the board discussed the librarian evaluation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Correspondence from Selectmen: Sloane pointed out a letter from the Madison Selectmen in the board packet which requested that no new projects be undertaken this year due to storm damage, maintenance issues, and a budget cut at the Town Meeting.

Budget: Discussed.

2024 Holiday Dates - Library Closure Schedule: Tabled until the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to adjourn, seconded by Peter Stevens. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM:

Next Meeting: October 18, 2023 – 3:30 PM

Town of Madison,
Board of Library Trustees Approved Minutes
September 20, 2023
Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose
Recording Secretary