

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2024 @ 3:30 PM
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDING: Betty Fernandes, Bruce Kennedy, Cheryl Littlefield, 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

January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to approve the minutes of 1-17-2024, seconded by Linda Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Treasurer Christina McAllister observed that the Phone and perhaps some other items were missing from the Budget Drawdown. She said she was unable to do a complete review of the budget due to some missing paperwork from the bookkeeper.

Motion by Bruce Kennedy to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Linda Smith. The report was approved and filed for audit.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Sloane Jarell:

- The Statistics look really good; the circulation is the highest it's ever been.
- Downloadables are off the charts.
- The Friends have donated money for museum passes and Sloane is ordering passes for the Portland Museum of Art, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, and the Wright Museum of World War II. The Currier Museum was mentioned, and Sloane said she will look into getting a pass for it. She said she hoped that people would take advantage of the passes, and it was suggested that they need to be publicized.
- PJ Story Time is coming up.
- The new Cookbook Club's first meeting will take place in March. This will involve trying recipes and then bringing in something you want to share.
- Town Meeting is on the March 16.

Betty Fernandes asked if the Chick Room could be used for political purposes, and Sloane said it could as long as everyone is welcomed. She said she would love to do a "Meet the Candidates" night. Sloane said we have almost all new volunteers and they are doing a fantastic job of taking inventory.

GALLERY: Karen Lord. This will change in March to Kim Hamilton.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: The Friends' program, "Extreme Survival: Lessons from Those Who Have Triumphed Against All Odds" will take place in March.

OLD BUSINESS

Bookmobile Committee Member: Still vacant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bookmobile Committee Meeting, March 4 at 6:00 PM @ Cook Library or via Zoom

NNHL Annual Meeting, April 9 at 6:00 PMs at Madison Library: Sloane said at least one trustee will be needed to attend this meeting.

Town Meeting, Saturday, March 16: The petition warrant article regarding the starting time of meetings was discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to adjourn, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:56 PM.

Next Meeting: March 20, 2024 @ 3:30 PM

Town of Madison
Board of Library Trustees Approved Minutes
February 21, 2024
Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose
Recording Secretary