

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MARCH 20, 2024 @ 3:30 PM
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDING: Betty Fernandes, Christina McAllister, Patti Rau, Peter Stevens; Sloane Jarell, Library Director

CALL TO ORDER: Library Director Sloane Jarell called the meeting to order at 3:33 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting: Motion by Patti Rau to approve the minutes of 2-21-2024, seconded by Betty Fernandes. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: An updated budget was handed out. Treasurer Christina McAllister said she had no report but that she believed we are well within the budget. Sloane noted that the Budget Drawdown is right on target.

Motion by Betty Fernandes to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Patti Rau. 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. We've been really busy during what is usually a quiet time of year, perhaps partly due to the unusually good weather for this time of year. Christina McAllister noted that the total circulation for January and February was the highest ever. Sloane said the pandemic really bumped up the downloadables. Patti Rau said that all the activities and programs taking place in the Chick Room affect the circulation as well.
- We added a radon test kit from the Green Mountain Conservation Group which has been very popular with the public.
- The first Cookbook Club was successful; we will make that a quarterly event.
- The Madison Town Column is back in the Conway Sun every two weeks which we can use to promote library activities.
- We'll be offering eclipse glasses starting on April 1 for the eclipse to take place on April 8.
- Sloane attended the Joint Loss Management Committee meeting and asked if our front door is in compliance. This will be looked into.
- Sloane will attend a dementia workshop at the Gibson Center which is provided for people who work in the community.
- A new dehumidifier will be ordered for the library.

GALLERY: Kim Hamilton

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

ELECTIONS

Town Elections: Sloane noted that the petition warrant article to require all meetings to take place after 6:00 PM was advisory only and we don't have to change our meeting time.

Trustee Elections: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary: Tabled until the next meeting.

Alternates: Betty Fernandes agreed to be an alternate. Sloane will check with Mary Holmes and David Stevens.

NNHLC, Bookmobile: Tabled until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Bookmobile Committee Member

Bookmobile Committee Meeting, March 4 at 6:00 PM: Discussion about promoting a Bookmobile was mostly negative. To be continued at the next meeting.

Town Meeting – Saturday, March 16: Already discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

NNHLC Annual Meeting, April 9 at 6:00 PM at Madison Library (Zoom available): Trustee needed. Christina will attend.

OTHER BUSINESS: Sloane said our June meeting is scheduled for a holiday, Juneteenth. A decision on an alternate meeting date will be made at the April meeting. The May 15 meeting time was changed to 4:00 PM with the proviso that this is acceptable to members not present at this meeting. There was a discussion about benefits.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Patti Rau to adjourn, seconded by Betty Fernandes. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Next Meeting: April 17, 2024 @ 3:30 PM

Town of Madison
Board of Library Trustees Approved Minutes
March 20, 2024
Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose
Recording Secretary