

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JUNE 26, 2024 @ 3:30 PM
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 15, 2024 Regular Meeting: Motion by Karen Lord to approve the minutes of 5-15-2024, seconded by Bruce Kennedy. Correction: Attending: add Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Treasurer Christina McAllister said the Budget Drawdown looks good – on track for the year. Investments are looking good – bounced back from a dip in April. Our year-to-date income vs expenses looking good. The board discussed some discrepancies in the Self-Generated Funds Report.

Motion by Bruce Kennedy 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:

- Statistics look good.
- Lots of programming around our Summer Reading Program with weekly events

GALLERY: JP Goodwin

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: The Friends have a program this Thursday at 7 pm: Women, Wealth, and Wisdom presented by Sarah Groleau.

OLD BUSINESS

Generator – Town gave us a thumbs up to look into a generator. The Generator Connection came out and the quote is in the packet. There are several issues with placement and wiring. Trustees looked at the spot outside where he suggested and didn’t want to lose those parking spaces or detract from the look of the library. Sloane will get back in touch and see if they can install generator and propane tanks on the far side of driveway.

NEW BUSINESS:

Perreault donations– Virginia Perreault passed away and her family asked that people donate to the Madison Library. We have received \$150 in donations.

Non-resident card – Conway Public Library has reduced their non-resident card from \$90 to \$45 and was wondering if other coop libraries would like to have a set price. Mary Cronin felt her trustees felt strongly that Cook’s non-res card should be free. Sloane said Madison’s card has been \$15 since at least 2010 and we don’t have many non-res cards going out. They are restricted to only physical items in the library. The trustees want to keep our fee at \$15.

MES CLIF Grant – Madison Elementary School was awarded a CLIF grant that also grants the public library \$500 in books.

Cellar Windows – The town decided that they don’t have time to fix our windows. I told them that I would reach out to Chris Martin and Paul Jean for recommendations. Chris and Paul came the very next day to take a look at the condition of both cellar windows facing the street and confirmed the sills are rotted out and need replacement. They came back with \$190 cost per window and will let me know an estimate of labor/materials.

Children’s Room A/C – The Children’s Room A/C mini split has died. American Air came out and stated that the wires had been chewed by mice and the unit is so old that replacement parts are not made anymore. John from American Air will be back on July 1 to give us an estimate for a new mini-split. Sloane will share this information with the town.

OTHER BUSINESS: Patti asked if the library will have a table at OHW. Sloane stated that FOML sometimes has a table. Sloane will check with FOML to see if they are planning on it. Patti felt it was a great opportunity to advertise our museum passes, etc. to the people of Madison.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Karen Lord to adjourn, seconded by Patti Rau. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:06 PM.

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

Town of Madison
Board of Library Trustees Approved Minutes
June 26, 2026
Respectfully submitted,

Sloane Jarell
Library Director