

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2024 @ 3:30 PM
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDING: Betty Fernandes, Mary Holmes (via remote), Bruce Kennedy, Cheryl Littlefield, Karen Lord, Patti Rau, Linda Smith; Sloane Jarell, Library Director

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Cheryl Littlefield called the meeting to order at 3:34 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 20, 2024, Regular Meeting: Motion by Linda Smith to approve the minutes of 11/20/2024, seconded by Patti Rau. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Treasurer Christina McAllister was not present at the meeting. It was noted that the Budget Drawdown is at 86.82% and the final bill payment of the year will go out tomorrow.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Sloane Jarell:

- We've had a busy month, with many activities going on, but we are now slowing down for the holidays.
- The tree lighting was wonderful.
- We have received no requests to meet with the Advisory Budget Committee.
- Cam will be out for surgery. Since Cam hardly ever uses her vacation time, the board agreed to allow this time out to be used as vacation time.
- The NNHLC quarterly meeting was moved to February. This will be the first meeting to include the Ossipee Library.

GALLERY: Joe Callanan

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: The January 16, 2025 program will be "Late in Arriving, How Electricity Changed Rural America," a NHH program on Zoom, 7:00 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

FOML – Generator for the Library: Waiting for a contractor to level the placement area for the generator. The wiring has been done.

Children's Room A/C: Installation has been completed.

Substitute: Two subs have been hired and have been in a couple of times.

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Budget and Warrant Article: Sloane said this is still a rough draft copy. She said we have applied for a grant for part of the cost of the door but we won't know the results until April.

NEW BUSINES

Investment Policy: Tabled for this meeting.

Outdoor Signage Policy: Sloane said she checked into the town policy on signs and found that there is nothing regarding political signs. She said signs are approved or disapproved by the Selectmen. The person holding the Felting class will charge for materials but will waive her fee. Patti Rau suggested that the wording on the signage policy could be a little stronger; she suggested that it be stated: "The outdoor sandwich sign will be limited to promoting library programs."

Motion by Bruce Kennedy to accept the suggested policy amendment, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS: The State Librarian position was discussed.

Motion by Karen Lord to support Mindy Atwood for State Librarian, seconded by Linda Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to adjourn, seconded by Patti Rau. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Next Meeting: January 15, 2025, @ 3:30 PM

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Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose
Recording Secretary