

1 MADISON LIBRARY
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
3 MARCH 19, 2025 @ 3:30 PM
4 JOHN F. CHICK ROOM
5 DRAFT MINUTES
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7 ATTENDING: Betty Fernandes, Mary Holmes, Karen Lord, Christina McAllister, Patti Rau,
8 Linda Smith, Peter Stevens; Sloane Jarell, Library Director
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10 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING: Karen Steadman
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12 CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Linda Smith called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.
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14 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
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16 February 19, 2025, Regular Meeting: Motion by Karen Lord to approve the minutes,
17 seconded by Christina McAllister. There was a correction of names. The minutes as amended
18 were approved by Betty Fernandes, seconded by Patti Rau. The motion passed unanimously.
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20 REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Library Director Sloane Jarell pointed out that the budget
21 documents included the end of February and the first half of March. Christina McAllister asked
22 about the increase on the Book line and Sloane explained that we paid the Library Guild early
23 this year in order to get incentives that were offered. She said we pay a lot of subscriptions in the
24 beginning of the year as well. Sloane noted that there were two heating bills on the February
25 Drawdown and she will check into that. Christina commented that we have lost money on the
26 copier. Sloane said last year we talked about raising the price for copies, but she suggested
27 waiting to see how it goes. Christina noted that investments are going down and we need to keep
28 an eye on that.
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30 Motion by Patti Rau to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion
31 passed unanimously and the report was accepted and filed for audit.
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33 LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Sloane Jarell:
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- 35 • The Statistics look right for February, which is traditionally not a hugely busy month.
- 36 • Yoga will be back in April.
- 37 • Each generator pad will be 30" around.
- 38 • Sloane will meet with Selectman Joy Gray and FX Lyons on March 20 to test the water
39 and scout locations for the water filtration system.
- 40 • Our grant with the ALA (American Library Association) for \$10,000 was approved, and
41 Sloane will be required to attend 5 webinars and hold a community input session
42 regarding the grant.
- 43 • Sloane has applied for another grant to include a button on the downstairs door.
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45 GALLERY: Peter Stevens offered to provide artwork for the Open House on April 7.
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47 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: No report.

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49 ELECTIONS

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51 Town Elections

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53 Trustee Elections: Tabled for this meeting. Christina McAllister advised the board that
54 she will not be able to continue as Treasurer.

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56 Alternates: Motion by Karen Lord to approve Betty Fernandes, Mary Holmes, and Bruce
57 Borofsky as Alternates, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously.

58 Reminder: If they haven't already done so, Alternates need to take the oath of office at the Town
59 Hall before the April meeting.

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61 OLD BUSINESS

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63 Investment Policy – Sarah Groleau: Tabled for this meeting.

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65 Amended Coop Bylaws: Discussed at the last meeting. Sloane will send a link to the
66 board.

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68 Agenda for Annual NNHLC Meeting – 1 Trustee Needed, April 2 @ 5:00 PM via Zoom:
69 Patti Rau will attend. Motion by Christina McAllister to accept the amended bylaws, seconded
70 by Patti Rau. The motion passed unanimously.

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72 National Library Week Open House – April 7: Sloane said it would be great if some
73 Trustees could attend.

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75 NEW BUSINESS:

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77 Executive Order Defunding the IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services): Sloane
78 said the IMLS distributes funds designated by Congress to the LSTA (Library Services and
79 Technology Act). These funds are used for such items as drivers, vehicles, and fuel for vehicles,
80 as well as catalogs, administrative staff, talking books staff, and part of the OverDrive platform.
81 Sloane said that with the approval by the US Congress of the Continuing Resolution through
82 September, the IMLS believes it will get funding this year and that we can start drawing down
83 on that starting in April. Whether the Executive Order can be overturned by Congress or the
84 courts remains to be seen. Sloane suggested educating the public on this issue with an
85 informational insert into books that are taken out. The board agreed with this and suggested
86 other responses such as a letter to the editor of the Conway Daily Sun and contacting political
87 representatives.

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89 OTHER BUSINESS: None.

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91 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Peter Stevens to adjourn, seconded by Christina McAllister. The
92 motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:28 PM.

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95 Next Meeting: April 16, 2025, @ 3:30 PM
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97 Town of Madison
98 Board of Library Trustees Draft Minutes
99 March 19, 2025
100 Respectfully submitted,
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103 Patricia Ambrose
104 Recording Secretary

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