

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
APRIL 16, 2025 @ 3:30 PM
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM
DRAFT MINUTES

ATTENDING: Bruce Borofsky, Betty Fernandes, Cheryl Littlefield, Karen Lord, Christina McAllister, Patti Rau, Linda Smith, Peter Stevens; Sloane Jarell, Library Director

Member of the Public: Karen Steadman

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 19, 2025, Regular Meeting: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to approve the minutes of 3-19-2025, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed 6-0-2, with 2 abstaining who were not present at the previous meeting.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Christina McAllister noted that the Library Drawdown is at 30.12%. She pointed out some bookkeeper mix-ups but said otherwise everything looks good.

Motion by Karen Lord to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Bruce Kennedy. The motion passed unanimously and the report was accepted and filed for audit.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Sloane Jarell:

- The Library Open House went well. Several patrons from outside this library district came to the Open House, including a group from Jackson. It was a fun event and a nice day.
- The DPW Director has confirmed that he will level out the area for the generator after conferring with Eastern Propane on the specs.
- We are awaiting the water testing results and decisions on where water filtration systems will be placed. More details to come on this.
- Our usual programs are continuing, including Dinner & a Movie, Book Discussions, Crafting, and Games, and we are going to try to do Construction Zone again.
- Kindergarten packets went out to the elementary school, including library card applications and information about the library.
- One Book One Valley will feature The History of Sound by Ben Shattuck this year.

GALLERY: Peter Stevens: The board thanked Peter for providing the artwork for the Open House.

Christina McAllister noted that on the Statistics, Circulation and Attendance seems below average even for this time of year, although total circulation isn't slow, so perhaps this is due to things like downloadable books. Sloane acknowledged that it has been a little slow this spring.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Program for May 22: Sarah Groleau, "Women, Wealth and Wisdom, Part II" in person in the Chick Room at 7:00 PM.

ELECTIONS

Trustee Elections:

Chair: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to nominate Cheryl Littlefield as Chair, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chair: Motion by Karen Lord to nominate Linda Smith as Vice-Chair, seconded by Bruce Kennedy. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to nominate Bruce Borofsky as Treasurer, seconded by Karen Lord. To be on a trial basis as requested by Bruce Borofsky, with some responsibilities shared at times with Christina McAllister and/or Bruce Kennedy. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary: No one for now.

Alternates: Mary Holmes, Betty Reid-Fernandes, Bruce Borofsky

Committees: NNHLC: Patti Rau

OLD BUSINESS

Investment Policy – Sarah Groleau: Sloane said Sarah will talk to the board Treasurer and Christina McAllister and make some suggestions. Christina said she would like to change policy to be updated to 100% mutual funds.

Annual NNHLC Meeting: Sloane and Patti Rau attended and said it was a good meeting, with all agreed on new bylaws.

National Library Week Open House – April 7: Already discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Master Plan and Setting our Goals: Cheryl and Sloane were unable to attend the meeting, but a lot of paperwork has been sent out.

Collection Development and Maintenance Policy:

- Library Bill of Rights
- The Freedom to Read

Sloane said this hasn't been looked at since 2010 and she thought this board should be familiar with it. She said we will be systematically going through our policies. Bruce Borofsky said he thought the Bill of Rights was very good. Christina said she thought The Freedom to Read was good but a little wordy.

Motion by Patti Rau to accept the Collection Development and Maintenance Policy, seconded by Bruce Kennedy. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Approved: not yet approved

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Discussion of House Bill 273: An Act relative to a parent's access to their minor child's library records. Introduced on April 4, 2025 for a hearing on April 24, 2025 to amend RSA201-D:11 by inserting the following paragraph: "All library records related to a minor's current borrowing of printed library materials and audio-visual materials, such as DVDs and CDs, shall be available to the parent or legal guardian of the minor when requested by the parent or legal guardian whose address matches that on the minor's library account." This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage. Sloane said a form will have to be filled out to verify the identity of the parent or legal guardian. She said this will be done by the Library Director only.

July 16 Meeting to July 23: Board agreed with the change of date.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Linda Smith to adjourn, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Next Meeting: May 21, 2025, @ 3:30 PM

Town of Madison

Board of Library Trustees Draft Minutes

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Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose

Recording Secretary

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