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Meeting Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting Thursday February 1, 2024

Present: Trustees: Chairman Mark Carey, Treasurer Josh Hilliard, Director Clay Kriese,

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm as per RSA 91-A: 1-a.

Public Comments: A public hearing began at 7:05 PM. There were no public comments. The board progressed directly to public session.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The meeting minutes of January were reviewed. Treasurer Hilliard moved to accept the minutes for the meeting, Chairman Carey seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the meeting minutes were accepted.

Acceptance of funds:

Per RSA 202-A 4c, the board reviewed the fines, fees, donations, and reimbursements of \$5,399.07. Treasurer Hilliard moved to accept the funds, Chairman Carey seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Director's Report:

Director Kriese presented data of the past month's operations, as well as comparisons over the last twelve months and the twelve months preceding that. The total circulation for January 2024 was down slightly, but showed significant increases in adult fiction, graphic novels, magazines, and games, kits & puzzles. The library held 30 events in January, with an average attendance of 7. Treasurer Hilliard inquired about calculating library circulation seasonally - every quarter - to get a better handle on trends. Director Kriese agreed to explore that option.

Director Kriese spoke about the strength of the library's collection and the "bang for the buck" the library produces: when calculated as a ratio of operating budget, the Weare Public Library's circulation is in the top quintile of libraries in the state.

Director Kriese also provided information about the new furniture purchased for the library, including chairs and tables.

Treasurer Hilliard moved to accept the director's report. Chairman Carey seconded.

New Business:

The board spoke at length about the upcoming meeting on fundraising to be held February 2, 2024. Treasurer Hilliard suggested Director Kriese purchase some snacks such as bottled water and chips to have at that meeting, as it might go for some time into the evening. The trustees and director discussed seeking out additional library trustee alternates at that meeting, as some of those in attendance might have an interest in serving. Chairman Carey remarked about how this next step would ideally put the library in the best position moving forward for fundraising and expansion.

Chairman Carey spoke briefly about the town report and the figures Director Kriese should include, particularly that of the strength of the collection and circulation as a figure of the budget.

Chairman Carey made a motion to adjourn; Treasurer Hilliard seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Next meeting is Thursday March 7, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Hilliard, Treasurer