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-- Approved Minutes --

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday October 7, 2021

Present: Trustees: Chairman Mark Carey, Treasurer Josh Hilliard, Secretary Brenda Cannon, Director Clay Kriese, Alternate(s): Heleen Kurk, Dan Bretzius, Diann Couture-Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm as per RSA 91-A: 1-a.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The meeting minutes of September 2 and September 16, 2021 were reviewed. Josh Hilliard moved to accept the minutes for the September meetings, Mark Carey seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the meeting minutes were accepted.

Public Comments: A public hearing began at 7:10 PM. There were no public comments. The board progressed directly to the public session.

Public Session to accept funds:

A public hearing came to order at 7:10pm, per RSA 202-A 4c. The hearing was held to accept funds from income generating equipment, donations and other income to be placed in the appropriate funds (\$2,277.99). The library Director provided this information in the September 2021 Report to Trustees. Mark Carey moved to accept the funds. Josh Hilliard seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The public session ended at 7:11pm.

Director's Report:

Director Kriese presented data of the past month's operations, circulation activity and staff development. Overall, Adult Fiction, Early Readers, and Graphic Novels have seen an increase over 2019. And, audios are still shifting from physical to digital. "Games & Kits" is a new reporting category.

The response to most of these library programs has been positive. We've scheduled similar events in October. We had 9 attend our first October Pinochle and Cribbage.

We're getting new library cards featuring our recent owl logo that was designed by Lindsey Hilliard (sample is available at the library).

Other Notes: The Town of Weare ARPA Expenditures for the Library: 2 Air Purifiers; Water Bottle Filling Station; Sawyer Room Windows; and Paige Room Shades are near approval.

On Sept 23, blogger Ellen McEvoy paid a visit and took some pictures. She first stopped by 13 years ago. Here's the link to her thoughts (and pics) about where we are today. <https://libraryvisitsproject.blogspot.com/2021/09/220a-weare-public-library-weare-new.html>.

I'm still working on a community survey that will help guide us with future library improvements.

Old Business:

- 1) The Paige room blinds and the Sawyer room windows may be repaired as per the Directors report listed above.
- 2) Status – Weare in the World Agreement – The paper staff is reviewing the document forwarded to them by the Trustees.
- 3) B. Hallee – Eagle Scout project – The Bee Kiosk is beginning to be installed. The plan it to have it installed by November 2021.
- 4) Library Foundation – The Trustees are still trying to find paperwork on the original monetary gift. They will continue to work with the Foundation and also pursue other ways to find the paperwork.

New Business:

- 1) Southern New Hampshire University may have a butterfly project that they would install at the library. The director will follow-up with this group.
- 2) The December 2021 meeting will take place at 6pm instead of 7pm.
- 3) One of the alternate trustees, Dan Bretzius, is leaving the area. Once this move takes place Mr. Bretzius will relinquish his role as alternate trustee.
- 4) The current COVID policy regarding masks will remain in place.

Chairman Mark Carey made a motion to adjourn; Secretary Brenda Cannon seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Next meeting is Thursday November 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Cannon, Recording Secretary