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-- Approved Minutes --

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday December 2, 2021

Present: Trustees: Chairman Mark Carey, Treasurer Josh Hilliard, Secretary Brenda Cannon, Director Clay Kriese, Alternate(s): Heleen Kurk

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm as per RSA 91-A: 1-a.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The meeting minutes of November 4, 2021 were reviewed. Josh Hilliard moved to accept the minutes for the November meetings, Heleen Kurk seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the meeting minutes were accepted.

Public Comments: A public hearing began at 6:05 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 6:05pm, 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 (\$67.98). The Library Director provided this information in the November 2021 Report to Trustees. Josh Hilliard moved to accept the funds. Mark Carey seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The public session ended at 6:06pm.

Director's Report:

Director Kriese presented data of the past month's operations, circulation activity and staff development. Good news: We circulated 11 more items this month than last month. Bad news: We're 8% lower than compared to November 2019. But: Last month we were 21% lower. So, not as bad.

Given the amount remaining in our operations budget for this year, the last few months we purchased and added 263 new items (including 39 new-release fiction, 25 DVDs and 28 graphic novels). Hopefully, they can help to turn the numbers.

My November 15 budget presentation to the Selectmen went well. One member commended us for keeping our operating budget so low. One critique: Concern that our building maintenance line had decreased (from \$3,500 to \$2,700) to which I replied that, for any major unforeseen repairs, we would seek funds from Capital Improvements.

I am scheduled to present 2022's Warrant Article during the Selectmen's meeting on December 20.

Second Wind Water Systems have replaced the drinking water filters. It should be noted that this will become a yearly maintenance item.

Olde Window Restorers have ordered replacement parts for the children's windows, and filled some gaps in our Paige Room frames. Costs for this work is pending.

We are looking forward to assisting the Historical Society and JSRH Deca Club with the Children's Christmas Party on Sunday afternoon (December 5, 2021).

I'm also looking forward to hosting a Smash Bros. video game tournament on December 11.

Old Business:

1. Status – Weare in the World (WITW) Agreement – The Trustees forwarded a revised document to the WITW staff. The Trustees need indemnification to remain a part of this document (library to be held harmless for any things the paper does).
2. B. Hallee – Eagle Scout project – Work on the project has begun.
3. Library Foundation – This project remains pending. The Director has developed a survey that will be given to patrons to determine how the library should move forward. The Director will make changes to the survey as suggested by the Trustees and start providing to the public. There was additional discussion as to the best way to get this survey to the public, some of the choices include placing in Weare In the World, dropping off at local business, putting on the library website, using survey monkey.
4. SNHU butterfly project – Remains pending
5. Warrant Article (WA) – The Trustees have asked the Director to provide more information relating to employee costs. The Director would like to present this WA at the December 20, 2021 Selectman meeting. The Trustees will vote at a later date as to whether they approve of this warrant article moving forward.

New Business:

1. Alternate Library Trustee Diann Couture-Smith has resigned her position. The Trustees are actively looking for new alternate members.

Chairman Mark Carey made a motion to adjourn; Treasurer Josh Hilliard seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Next meeting is Thursday January 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Cannon, Recording Secretary