



Weare Public Library
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-- Approved Minutes --

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday February 4, 2021

Conducted via Go To Meeting

Present: Trustees: Chairwoman Brenda Cannon, Treasurer Josh Hilliard, Secretary Mark Carey, Director Clay Kriese, Alternates: Diann Couture-Smith and Heleen Kurk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm as per RSA 91-A: 1-a.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments. The board progressed directly to public session.

Acceptance of Funds:

Donations in the amount of \$345 were received in memory Estermary Hadley, who passed away in December. Most of the donations will be added to this year's Children's Book budget. Chairwoman Brenda Cannon made a motion that the board accept the donations for the library. Treasure Josh Hilliard seconded the motion, all present were in favor and the motion passed.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The meeting minutes from January 7, 2021 were reviewed. Minor corrections for typos and content were noted and Chairwoman Brenda Cannon moved to accept the minutes for the December meeting. Treasure Josh Hilliard seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the meeting minutes were accepted.

Director's Report:

Director Kriese reported that:

- In January, we saw a little more circulation than December. The recent trends of much lower DVD-checkouts, and yet more overall downloads, has continued.
- As the covid numbers continue to decline, this February, The library is back to allowing visitors via appointments.
- The Library is spreading the word that it can help with the vaccine registration process for patrons without internet access.
- Next week, the AARP will conduct tax help in the Sawyer Room.

- Karen resumed weekly virtual story-times and will soon offer a bird-feeder craft paired with a bird-watching activity for visiting children to take home.
- Karen, Thelma, Dena, and Director Kriese held a meeting to brainstorm ideas for our summer reading programs. They will follow up on these during a full staff meeting which is scheduled on February 22. It is hoped that, at a minimum, the library will soon be able to hold outdoor events.
- Dena wants to host next month's book club outdoors.
- Everything went smoothly with the installation and testing of our 5 new air-conditioning units.

Chairwoman Brenda Cannon moved to accept/approve the director's report. Treasurer Josh Hilliard seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion passed.

Old Business:

Most of the old business covered in the Director's Report.

Additionally it was noted that the *Weare Public Library Operating Income and Expense*, Report to the town Board of Selectmen was prepared by Director Kriese and, after approval by the Library Trustees, was submitted to the Town.

New Business:

Director Kriese has offered to update the Weare Town Library website. Chairwoman Brenda Cannon made a motion to authorize Director Kriese to do so, alternate Heleen Kurk seconded the motion, all present were in favor and the motion passed.

Alternate trustee Heleen Kurk raise the issue of the window shades in both the Paige room and the Sawyer room. The shades are quite old, worn, and some do not function properly. The trustees will investigate options for replacing the shades.

It was brought to the attention of the board of trustees that the newspaper, *Weare In The World* is still being published under the auspices of the library and as such it is inappropriate for politically biased articles to appear in the paper. This issue will be discussed with the *Weare In The World* staff and writers.

No further business to discuss, Chairwoman Brenda Cannon made a motion to adjourn; Treasure Josh Hilliard seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Carey, Recording Secretary