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-- Approved Minutes --

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday August 4, 2022

Present: Trustees: Chairman Mark Carey, Treasurer Josh Hilliard, Secretary Gina Green, Director Clay Kriese, Alternates: Heleen Kurk, Joshua Dick, Hanna Schofield

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman Mark Carey as per RSA 91-A: 1-a.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The meeting minutes of July 7, 2022 were reviewed. Hanna Schofield pointed out the minutes from June had not been reviewed/approved at the July meeting. Chairman Mark Carey noted the change to be made. Treasurer Josh Hilliard moved to accept the minutes for the meeting, pending change. Chairman Mark Carey seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the meeting minutes were accepted.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Director's Report:

Director Kriese presented data of the past month's operations, circulation activity and staff development. There was a reported attendance increase of 27%, with Thursdays having the highest attendance because of the summer events. Fridays have had good attendance so the current hours will continue indefinitely.

All the summer reading programs are being well attended. There are 139 registered for the children's program with them reporting 1,073 hours read. Alternate Heleen Kurk asked if it is the same people attending the events or different each time? Alternate Hanna Schofield indicated that she had attended several with her children and has seen some constants but some new.

Secretary Gina Green brought up the concern that people new to Weare are not aware of where the library is located, as well as many current residents. The idea of welcome packages/flyers to new homeowners/residents was discussed as a way to reach more people. Another suggestion by Treasurer Josh Hilliard was to also have information available at the library for things such as the Historical Society, Garden Club, Snowmobile club, etc. Chairman Mark Carey said he would bring this up with Maureen at the Town Clerk's office.

Chimney update: the bid that was approved by the selectmen has backed out. Their bid was the lowest so we need to find a new company. Directory Kriese will attend the selectmen meeting to discuss this.

Window update: Still waiting on them and then they will be installed.

Lawn Care: Stockhaus will be doing all the lawn care and trimming. Alternate Heleen Kurk noted that people have donated their time to clean up around the grounds and that we should ask Stockhaus how much it would be for them to take this on. Directory Kriese said he would look into it, especially since the overgrowth around the chimney needs to be pruned and he plans to bring this up with the selectmen.

Friends of the Library silent auction brought in over \$1,000.

Expansion Update: SMP would like to meet with the Trustees. Secretary Gina Green asked if there would be a charge for the meeting and Director Kriese indicated not that he was aware. Treasurer Josh Hilliard updated the group on how the Library Foundation meeting and that the vote on the expansion was very close. Chairman Mark Carey responded that he was happy things had gone well and the funds were approved. Alternate Hanna Schofield asked if we should consider requesting just above the quote to provide a reserve if needed.

Treasurer Josh Hilliard moved to accept the Director's report for July 2022. Chairman Mark Carey seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Public Session to accept funds:

A public hearing came to order at 7:03 pm, per RSA 202-A 4c. The hearing was held to accept funds of \$77.50. Treasurer Josh Hilliard moved to accept the funds. Secretary Gina Green seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Public session ended at 7:04PM.

Old Business:

1. Shelving in Children's Room: Directory Kriese stated that they will be holding off on the new shelving until there is a better idea of what is available to spend at the end of the year.
2. Discussion of Joshua Dick and Hanna Schofield being made alternates. Chairman Mark Carey put the formal request in with Naomi previously.
3. Building committee requested by Chairman Mark Carey for the expansion. Treasurer Josh Hilliard suggested getting input from different organizations in town that will be impacted. Clay will discuss with Jason from SMP. Discussion of someone from Parks and Rec being on the committee because of the tennis courts and outdoor accessible bathrooms. Also unsure of what is going on with the courts in terms of whether or not there will be stands. Need to inquire about this from Parks and Rec. New Boston has a new library and maybe we can ask them who they included on their building committee. Chairman Mark Carey stated that the building committee would be a sub committee to the Trustees. Also went over where the funds would be available for this.
4. Hanna Schofield brought up how Henniker library has chromebooks for patrons.

New Business:

1. No new business discussed.

Chairman Mark Carey made a motion to adjourn at 7:56; Treasurer Josh Hilliard seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Next meeting is September 1, 2022 at 7:00 pm, with a presentation at 6:00 pm by SMP.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Green, Secretary