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-- Approved Minutes --

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday January 5, 2023

Present: Trustees: Chairman Mark Carey, Treasurer Josh Hilliard, Director Clay Kriese, Alternate Heleen Kurk, Alternate Hanna Schofield

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 pm as per RSA 91-A: 1-a.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The meeting minutes of December 1, 2022 were reviewed. A number of grammatical changes were proposed. Treasurer Josh Hilliard moved to accept the minutes for the meeting as revised, Chairman Mark Carey seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the meeting minutes were accepted.

Those present discussed ensuring all prior minutes were properly uploaded to the town website.

Public Comments: A public hearing began at 7:24PM. There were no public comments. The board progressed directly to public session.

Director's Report:

Director Kriese presented data of the past month's and year's operations. Circulation was up 21% from December 2021. Total circulation for all of 2022 was up 15% from 2021. Weare patrons made 823 interlibrary loan requests in 2022; most significantly, other library patrons across the state made 835 requests that the Weare Library fulfilled. This speaks to the excellent job of library staff and the strength of Weare's collection.

Attendance at library events continues to be strong, with an average of 10 patrons per event. Director Kriese is planning additional events for 2023, including a Pokemon night.

The Board of Selectmen have approved an expenditure of \$15,000 for repairs to the library chimney. Those present discussed at length the needed repairs and the process for obtaining bids to consider what work needs to be completed on the chimney, including the need to return the chimney to code given that it is not used.

Treasurer Josh Hilliard moved to accept the Director's report for December 2022. Alternate Hanna Schofield seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Public Session to accept funds:

The hearing was held to accept funds from income generating equipment, donations and other income to be placed in the appropriate funds (\$82.90). Treasurer Josh Hilliard moved to accept the funds. Chairman Mark Carey seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

New Business:

1. Director Kriese requested that the Trustees approve the purchase of new shelving for the children's room, as well as new shelving to replace some of the older shelving units in the Paige room. Those present discussed the remaining funds in the library accounts, including unused personnel funds. Library personnel have requested replacements for the old children's shelving units for some years now.

Treasurer Josh Hilliard made a motion to move the remaining funds in the library's 2022 personnel budget to an account used to purchase the shelves identified by Director Kriese. Chairman Mark Carey seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Treasurer Josh Hilliard made a motion to purchase the children shelves identified by Director Kriese, but to wait on making any additional purchases of shelves. Alternate Hanna Schofield seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Chairman Mark Carey made a motion to adjourn at 8:09; Alternate Hanna Schofield seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Next meeting is Thursday February 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Hilliard, Treasurer