

Minutes of Trustees' Meeting, Olivia Rodham Memorial Library
Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Call to Order: 3:35

Roll Call: Kris Finnegan, Susan Peery, Russ Thomas, Sara Marean, Lew Derby and Gretchen Ezell

Susan asked if there were any comments or corrections needed on the October minutes. No changes were noted. Russ motioned to approve the minutes, Susan seconded. Lew abstained as he did not attend the October meeting. The minutes were approved.

Librarian's Report:

Kris brought us up to date on scheduling library programs. So far there are two December zoom programs. The first will be on Saturday, December 5th at 11:00. Rick Church and Gordon Peery are going to present a program on mapping old Nelson cellar holes. Then Gordon Peery is going to present a program on Dancing in Nelson Town Hall on Saturday, December 19th at 11:00. Gordon is going to record the program and post it on the Library website and the **NelsonHistory.org** website as well. Kris said that she had also lined up Susie Spikol from the Harris Center, to present a zoom talk on Mammoths on Saturday, February 6th at 11:00. The cost would be \$50. Susie mentioned that if the Nelson Library found interesting programs, it would be worth approaching the Harris Center to consider sharing the cost of the speaker and they both would benefit with shared publicity. Kris said she would call Jennifer Carroll, the Cheshire Historical Society Education Director, to see if Alan Rumrill might be interested in presenting something on Nelson. Sara and Eric Marean confirmed they would be available to present a program on their African adventure. Kris said she would schedule them and also follow up with Lindy Black to see if she would be interested in doing a presentation on Merri-Conn. She reported that the Nelson Church is hosting a film presentation called **Gather** at 6:30 on November 29th. She mentioned that the library movie license issued from SWANK has been extended until June 2021.

Kris reported attending a conference on Resource Sharing and Inter Library loans. She is finding the Rural Library Conferences are more pertinent to Nelson. She is ordering more books targeted to increase the collection on diversity. She continues to offer the Race Matters program once a month.

Discussion was opened concerning the possible closing of the Nelson library due to the increase in COVID cases in New Hampshire. Kris said she meets weekly with other NH library directors. They are making mixed decisions. Some are closing for two weeks after Thanksgiving, some are closing after Thanksgiving until early January. Kris said she was comfortable keeping the library open as is. The patrons only come in by appointment, one party at a time, and they have been respectful about wearing masks. The Board reminded Kris that it was her decision to close the library if she felt uncomfortable at any time. She said if she did that she would still continue with curbside pickup.

Treasurer's Report:

Lew reported that we are in really good shape. With 2 months to go, we are \$10,000 under budget as far as expenses go. He said this did not include the \$2,000 request from the town to purchase a computer. Kris reported that she has ordered more books. In January we will receive \$1,000. After final wages are paid in December, Lew will cut a check for the balance of what we've asked for and what we've spent. jThe balance will go into the checking account.

The TD Bank Money Market Fund gained \$3.14 for a total of \$19,094.60. Raymond James account lost - \$1,114.03 for a balance of \$98,470.16.

The proposed 2021 budget was discussed. Lew recommended closing out the Gates grant which has a balance of \$175.00. He reported that Donna Kidd had assured him that the Friends of the Library would contribute \$1000.00 next year.

Susan and the Board expressed their appreciation to Lew for his work on the budget. Susan moved that we approve the budget that Lew presented. Russ seconded. The 2021 budget was unanimously approved.

Correspondence:

Russ reported that he had sent a card to Heidi and Tal on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

New Business:

Susan reported that she had exchanged emails with Alex Doust who felt he could not commit to being an alternate at this time, but would like to resume at a later time. They agreed he would be "on sabbatical" until his schedule was lighter. Since there was no reason that the Board could not have two alternates, Gretchen suggested Jan Perry, and Kris enthusiastically agreed. Gretchen will contact Jan to see if she is interested.

Susan and Kris will get together to discuss her evaluation.

Susan suggested that we think about any specific goals we might have for next year and discuss them at the December meeting.

Gretchen moved that we adjourn the meeting. Susan seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 3:30pm
Zoom format

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ezell