

Minutes of Board of Trustees' Meeting, Olivia Rodham Memorial Library
Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.
Meeting was held in person

Call to Order: 3:33p.m.

Roll Call: Kris Finnegan, librarian, Susan Peery, Russ Thomas, Lew Derby, Gretchen Ezell and Jan Perry, alternate.

Susan moved to approve the July meeting minutes. Russ seconded. The minutes were approved.

Librarian's Report

Kris reported that there were several qualified applicants applying for the library aide position. She will begin interviewing them.

She said that she had successfully completed all requirements requested for the ARPA grant. Kris felt that the next ARPA grant for \$10,000 was more appropriate for larger libraries in the area. She said we might still be able to benefit from libraries that do apply for the grant and share programs such as Kanopy an on-demand streaming video platform for public libraries that offers films and documentaries.

At 3:54 Jan moved that the Board go into non-public session to discuss a personnel issue. Susan seconded the motion.

At 3:55 Susan moved that the Board go out of non-public session. Russ seconded the motion.

Kris reported that on Saturday, September 18, 2021 there would be a NH Humanities virtual program presented by Meg Mott on The First Amendment. Also on Saturday, September 18th, the concert with Jose Lezcano and Virginia Eskin will be held live at the Nelson Church from 3:00-4:20 p.m.

The issue of buying a webcam was tabled until the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Lew reported that the library finances were in good shape. Gifts to the library were \$6,504.52 which was notable. The TD Money Market Bank account made \$1.68 for a total of \$19,612.49. The Raymond James Investment account made \$679.85 for a total of \$117,125.30.

Susan moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Gretchen seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Correspondence

Russ reported that he had sent a thank you note to Joanne Warner for the geraniums. He also sent a thank you to Heidi Tompkins for her service to the library. Russ will also write a note of appreciation to Ron Levy for the Memton Fund gift to the library.

New Business

Susan opened the discussion of changing the Board's meeting time, as Sara could no longer meet on Wednesdays. The Board agreed to change the meeting time to the 3rd Monday of the month. Our next meeting would be on September 20 2021 at 3:00. Susan agreed to check with Sara and also Jenna and Tyler Rich to see if either of them might be able to attend at that time as an alternate.

Susan mentioned that she would contact the principal of the Nelson School to see if the library could coordinate a community program with them. Russ brought up the possibility of having Eric Masterson from The Harris Center do a presentation. After discussion it was decided to table in person programming until it was clearly safe to resume.

Gretchen requested that the library be a venue where the new Nelson phone book could be sold. There would be an honor system payment box provided, so Kris would not have to monitor any transactions. The phone book will sell for \$5.00 and checks made out to Nelson in Common. Kris and the Board agreed to those conditions.

Susan moved to adjourn the meeting . Jan seconded the motion. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Next Meeting will be held on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in person, or Zoom, Olivia Rodham Memorial Library

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ezell