

Trustees' Meeting Olivia Rodham Memorial Library

Monday, November 21, 2022, 3:00 PM

I. Call to Order at 3:05 PM

Present: Anita, Lew, Jan, Sara (arrived 3:35pm), Judith and Gretchen, Kris (librarian)

II. October Minutes – Motion was made by Gretchen to accept the minutes, seconded by Anita, motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report – Lew provided the financials via e-mail and reported that everything looks to be on track for this fiscal year and in fact may be under budget. Anita moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jan. Motion passed.

IV. Corresponding Secretary Report – Gretchen reported that she had sent a thank-you to Stacia Tolman for the calendars. She also reported that the library Trustee email account is working.

V. Library Director Report -

There has been an increase in interlibrary loan requests and the NHDB also had an increase between Oct 2021 to Oct 2022 – 1940 total with last year having 763

Past Events – Lucius Parshall of the New Hampshire House of Representatives met to find out about his constituents and hear about any concerns of Nelson residents – 3 people attended; Cookbook group – 5 people; library book group – 5 people

Future Events – Cookbook group December 13, 2022, 12:00pm; Wes Golomb, author of “Warm and Cool Homes: Building a Comfy, Healthy, Net-Zero Home You’ll Want to Live in Forever”, December 12, 3:00 – 4:00 pm.

Librarian Continuing Education: three meetings attended

Library evaluation Report – Kris provided a Library report reviewing the past year to date of library activities, use of the library, and additional librarian duties and volunteer hours. Overall, the use of the library is changing with more use of interlibrary loan and downloadable books. Looking ahead, updating the technology in the library after assessing what the library currently has.

VI – Library Policies Review – Karen Hersey provided comments on the Draft Technology Policy. Trustees will review this prior to the December meeting.

VII – Review of Health and Safety Protocols – The protocols have been changed to reflect “masks appreciated”. The rest of the Protocols will be suspended for now.

VIII – Old or Unfinished Business – Purchase of new equipment tabled. This will be on agenda for December.

IX – New Business – Proposed budget for 2023 was proposed by Lew. Discussion by Trustees about bringing fiber internet to the library. Budget was reviewed and generally well received. The questions around technology were tabled until December meeting. Trustees will vote on budget at that time.

Next meeting to be held on December, 19, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

Adjournment – motion made by Anita, seconded by Jan, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 PM