

Minutes of Trustees' Meeting, Olivia Rodham Memorial Library
Monday, March 21, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
Meeting was held in person and electronically on Zoom

Call to Order: 3:15 p.m.

Roll Call: Kris Finnegan, librarian, Lew Derby, Anita Flanagan, Gretchen Ezell, Jan Perry, Jen Pepin, alternate, and Karen Hersey, alternate.

Lew motioned to approve the February meeting minutes. Anita seconded. The February minutes were approved.

Reorganization of library trustee assignments were discussed and decided upon as follows: Anita Flanagan, Chair; Lew Derby, Treasurer; Jan Perry, Recording Secretary; Gretchen Ezell, Corresponding Secretary. Gretchen motioned to approve these assignments, Lew seconded. The motion was approved.

Librarian's Report

Kris reported that she had decided not to continue offering the Race Matters discussion group at this time. Attendance had significantly decreased for the last few months. She felt it had been successful for a while with attendance of up to 6 persons with meaningful discussions.

She has invited the Nelson community to participate in a monthly bookclub group that would meet in person at the library, or outside in warmer weather. She sent out an email suggesting book selections and requesting feedback on community interest. Date and time to be decided.

Library programming has included a zoom presentation on March 10th at 6:30p.m. on Understanding Clinical Trials. There will be a zoom program on April 7th on The Quest for Happiness which is listed on the library website. A yoga class for children will be offered by Robyn Andersen on Saturday April 2nd and Saturday April 9th at 10:30 a.m. Kris also mentioned that Monadnock Music would like to host a family music program on Wednesday, July 27th. It is unclear whether the town hall would be open to the public by then as a venue.

Kris reported that some of the Friends of the Library book sale children's books are going to be picked up on April 5-10th and donated to Africa.

Patsy Beffa-Negrini has volunteered to collaborate with Kris on an Earth Day display which will be in the library for the month of April.

There was discussion of the health protocols and it was agreed to keep the policies in place at this time.

Treasurer's Report

Lew reported that he had deposited \$2,000 in the checking account from the Marcia Sexton donation and deposited the remaining \$3,000 in the Raymond James Investment Account. He reported a \$1,000 donation from the Friends of the Library.

There was continued discussion on purchasing an OWL audio/visual system as the town might already have one available. Kris said she would check into this and report back at the April meeting.

TD Bank Money Market fund earned \$1.70 for a balance of \$19,625.68. The Raymond James Investment Account was down -\$2,556.44 for a balance of \$110,071.53
Lew confirmed that Josh Houle from Raymond James could attend either the Library Board of Trustees' meeting on April 18th or on May 16th. The trustees agreed on the April meeting. Lew will contact Josh who will attend either in person or by zoom.

Gretchen moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Anita seconded the motion. All approved and the motion passed.

Correspondence

Gretchen will confirm with Russ that all correspondence is up-to-date and will write a thank you note to the Friends of the Library for their \$1,000 donation.

New Business

Lew said he would send membership dues to the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association. There is an in person conference on May 10th that trustees might be interested in attending. Kris mentioned that there were also informative webinars that would be an alternative to attending in person. <https://www.nhlta.org/> is the site.

There was discussion of the Volunteer Policy and subsequent form. Kris agreed to research other libraries volunteer policies and will report back at the April meeting. The Board and Kris agreed that in the meantime it was important to update the current volunteer form. Kris presented a form based on the State of New Hampshire's best practices for volunteers. After discussion, Anita moved that form that Kris presented be accepted by the Board of Trustees. Gretchen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Anita motioned to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

**Next Meeting will be held on Monday, April 18, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
In person and Zoom format**

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ezell