

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

Call to Order 3:07 p.m.

Roll Call: Kris Finnegan, librarian; Susan Peery, Lew Derby, Russ Thomas, Gretchen Ezell, Jan Perry, alternate, Judith Putzel and Jen Pepin, incoming alternates.

Susan motioned to approve the January meeting minutes. Russ seconded. The January minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Librarian's Report**

Kris reported that the zoom attendance had dwindled in the Race Matters group that has been held the second Wednesday of the month. She is changing the name to Equality Matters and will try another zoom meeting in March. Kris said she might try having outdoor meetings after that and have Jeff be more involved as he is very knowledgeable on the subject.

She pointed out the many zoom program offerings that were made available to Nelson library patrons. She provides an events list which includes links to programs such as Recipe for Success held on February 9th illuminating women's lives in New Hampshire through cookbooks; a program called Gizmo, addressing children's mental health issues, and various Harris Center winter programs.

Val Van Meir and Mare- Anne Jarvela have sorted thousands of seeds, organized and created the library seed catalogue for patrons to enjoy and plant.

Jeff has been boxing fiction and non fiction books together in categories to make it easier to locate books. He will be organizing the DVD section into categories as well.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Lew updated the Board on his efforts to make it easier to reconcile and report on the budget at the end of each year. He will be getting together with Edie to work on this. He mentioned that a Quick Book purchase might be helpful. He reported that the budget was in good shape. The TD Bank Money Market fund earned \$1.64 for a balance of \$19,623.98. The Raymond James Investment Acct. lost - \$6,730.00 for a balance of \$112,627.97.

Lew reported that he had received a check for \$200.00 from Jan Fiderio in honor of Shirley Creamer Fiderio.

There was discussion of using some of Marcia Sexton's \$5,000 donation to purchase an OWL audio/visual equipment unit which would enhance all Library zoom programs and meetings. Susan moved to put \$2,000 into the library checking account for this purpose, with the remaining \$3,000 to be deposited into the Raymond James Investment Fund. Russ seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Susan moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Russ seconded. All approved the motion

### **Correspondence**

Russ will write a thank you to Jan Fiderio for her \$200 donation in honor of Shirley Creamer Fiderio.

### **New Business**

There was discussion of a draft form titled Request for Reconsideration of Library Material or Program. If accepted this would replace Section X in the 2018 Library Policies, formerly titled Complaint Procedures. Jan moved to accept the updated version. Lew seconded. The motion passed unanimously and will be added to the Library Policies and Procedures Manual.

Kris will research volunteer forms from other libraries and will report back at the March meeting.

It was also agreed that the Board would research Collection Development policies and discuss at the March meeting.

Susan reminded the Board to contact Josh Houle who manages the Library's Raymond James Investment Account. He has attended our April board meetings to report on management strategies for the investment account.

Susan confirmed that up to 3 library trustee alternates were allowed. She said she would notify Edie Drinkwater, and the Selectmen that Judith Putzel, Jen Pepin and Karen Hersey would be new library trustee alternates.

Kris indicated that she preferred leaving the health protocols in place for the time being with no changes.

Appreciation was expressed to Susan Peery and Russ Thomas for their years of service on the Board of Trustees.

Gretchen motioned to adjourn the meeting . Russ seconded.  
Meeting was adjourned at 4:08

**Next Meeting will be held on Monday, March 21,2022 at 3:00 p.m.  
In person and Zoom format**

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ezell