

Minutes of Trustees' Meeting, Olivia Rodham Memorial Library  
Wednesday, January 20, 2021  
Meeting was held electronically on Zoom

Call to Order 3:30 p.m.

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

Susan asked if there were any changes or corrections to the December minutes. None were noted. Susan moved to approve the December minutes. Russ seconded. The December minutes were approved unanimously.

A public hearing was convened at 3:32 p.m. to allow public discussion and reacceptance of a \$5,000 gift from Marcia Sexton in December. At the December meeting the Board did not realize that accepting any gift of \$5,000 or greater required a public hearing. There was no public input, so Susan moved to accept the \$5,000 gift and Russ seconded. The motion to accept the donation passed unanimously. Lew suggested that Marcia Sexton be contacted to see if she would be open to combining her two memorial accounts and placing the funds in the Library's Raymond James investment account. Susan agreed to write Marcia to obtain approval for this action. Lew motioned to adjourn the public hearing. Susan seconded. All approved.

### **Librarian's Report**

Kris reported that Barbara Michaelson had donated funds to purchase several children's books on Black History. Russ will send her a thank you note. Heidi suggested that Kris could save 5% on book and other library purchases if she had an Amazon credit card. Kris said she has ordered library materials from Baker and Taylor, but also from Amazon. She will look into it and discuss with Lew before making a decision.

Kris said that Brenna is coming in Fridays, spending between 2-4 hours. She is now doing cleaning as well as library work. If Heidi returns to working 4 hours a week, then Brenna will shift back to 2 hours. Lew mentioned that Brenna is running for a town selectmen position and wondered if working at the library could be a conflict of interest? Kris will contact Edie and clarify whether, if elected, Brenna could hold both jobs. There was discussion about who is responsible for cleaning the library? Russ agreed to ask Edie about the sexton situation and will report back.

The Board went into a non public session to discuss employee compensation.

Kris reported that Val Van Meir has volunteered to monitor and update the Ag Com web page and has acquired lots of donated seeds. She has packets of seeds already sorted and labeled for distribution. The Board expressed their appreciation of Val's efforts, and Russ agreed to write her a thank you note.

Kris shared the success of the first Zoom program for 2021. Alan Rumrill and Jennifer Carroll from the Cheshire Historical Society cohosted a presentation on Railroads of Hancock and Harrisville. 183 people attended! Kris noted that sponsoring two Saturday morning programs a month was appropriate in terms of time needed to set them up. The Board agreed.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Lew reported that at year end we were \$1,544.34 under budget. The library had received \$1,000 from the Library Friends, \$5,000 from Marcia Sexton and \$2,148.00 from the town. There was approximately \$8,000 in the checking account, where he was holding the \$5,000 to be approved to place in the Raymond James Investment Account.

The TD Bank Money Market Acct. had an increase of \$2.48 for a balance of \$19,100.29. The Raymond James Investment account earned \$2,270.71 for a balance of \$105,718.63.

Lew showed the Board an improved format for the proposed 2021 budget that would be presented to the town. Susan expressed appreciation to Lew for his efforts.

## **Correspondence**

Russ reported that he wrote to Marcia Sexton thanking her for the \$5,000 donation.

## **New Business**

There was a brief discussion on how Kris could use her vacation time and also keep the library open.

Susan mentioned there was a zoom meeting for New Hampshire Library Trustees which she and Gretchen were going to attend and would report back.

Susan motioned to adjourn the meeting and Gretchen seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:01p.m.

**Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 3:30p.m.**

**Zoom format**

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ezell