

Minutes of Trustees' Meeting, Olivia Rodham Memorial Library
Wednesday, March 17, 2021
Meeting was held electronically on Zoom

Call to Order: 3:32 p.m.

Roll Call: Susan Peery, Kris Finnegan, Russ Thomas, Sara Marean, Jan Perry and Gretchen Ezell

Susan asked if there were any changes or corrections to the revised February minutes. None were noted. Susan motioned to approve the minutes. Russ seconded. The motion to approve the revised February minutes passed unanimously.

Librarian's Report

Kris reported that opening the library for indoor use has been very successful. Except for very cold days, there is a steady flow of people wanting to visit the library in person. She showed the trustees the new sign that Russ helped make, which allows anyone entering or leaving the library to adjust the number to show how many persons are currently in the library. Susan reminded Kris that she could change the decision to allow patrons inside and/or limit the number. Kris indicated she was comfortable with the situation so far.

Kris related that she had participated in an exciting ITS zoom program on Canva, a graphic design platform, used to create social media graphics, presentations, posters, documents and other visual content.

The Saturday zoom programs have been very successful. Kris mentioned how many positive comments she had received on Sara and Eric Marean's presentation on eSwatini. The next program will be a talk on Owls by Susie Spikol from the Harris Center on Saturday, March 27th. On Saturday, April 17th there will be a forestry presentation given by Laura French on the area which includes The Partridge Woods. The program will start at 11:30.

Kris mentioned that she was assessing how much time she was using for various library tasks which now included daily cleaning and increased book processing. She said it was difficult to leave library materials outside for patrons to pickup in a cardboard box. Sara suggested that a container with a hinged lid, like the delivery box that she has at the end of her driveway, might be a good solution. Kris will check it out.

Treasurer's Report

Lew was not able to attend the meeting, but asked Susan to pass on the following information: The NH Charitable Foundation check was larger than usual - just under \$3,000. He deposited the \$500 gift from Marianne Hammond in memory of Bud French in a separate TD account. Marianne requested a note indicating that the gift was tax deductible. Russ said he would consult with Lew and then write another note to her. Kris confirmed that she would go ahead and purchase this year's book winners of the Caldecott and Newbery Medal Awards.

The TD Bank Money Market Account gained \$2.45 for a balance of \$19,105.17. The Raymond James account earned \$809.75 for a balance of \$105,273.73.

Gretchen reported back that the Friends of the Library were not a 501C3 charity and therefore could not be a recipient of the Amazon "Smiles" program. Currently, the donations are sent to

the Amazing Grace animal shelter in Sullivan. The consensus was to explore this issue at the April meeting.

Next month Josh Houle from Raymond James will join the meeting to discuss the library's account and answer any questions.

Correspondence

Russ reported that he sent a thank you note to Marianne French Hammond for her donation of \$500 in memory of Bud French.

New Business

Summer Forum update: Susan reported that after doing some investigation on the cost of tent rentals, it just was too expensive to consider renting one for a forum. The price to rent a simple tent was around \$2,000. There was discussion about whether to try and hold an outdoor forum without a tent. Kris mentioned how frustrating it was to hold outdoor meetings in the Nelson Common due to traffic noise. Sara suggested the possibility of using the- soon to be constructed- outdoor Nelson School classroom. She also suggested that we might consider contacting VINS bird rescue in Vermont. They have a wonderful teaching demonstration and will bring the animals to your location. It would appeal to all ages. Jan mentioned that Priscilla Walter would love to hear fiddle music. Since the library forums always begin with a musical performance, her request was noted! Susan will look into whether there is anything scheduled for Old Home Day. The consensus was to gather more information and by April's meeting there might be a better sense of what the library could possibly schedule.

Susan mentioned the NHLTA orientation presentations that will be held on zoom on April 24th and June 7th. The 3 part Orientation Webinar Series (each run about 1/2 hr.) should be watched before attending the zoom meeting. Both Susan and Gretchen agreed that watching the webinar series was the most valuable if you had to make a choice.

No other new business was noted. Susan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

Zoom format

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ezell