

## Converse Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

**Monday, December 6, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm and conducted in person. Zoom was also an option for those unable to attend in-person.

**Roll Call** - John Biglow, Audrey Brown, Marybeth Durkin, Julie Goodrich, Deb Robinson, Pete Swart, Dan O'Hara, Kaye Ramsden, and Judy Russell. Melanie Isett, a member of the Lyme community, was also present.

**Public Comment** – Melanie indicated that she was a potential Trustee candidate.

**Trustees 101** – Audrey reminded us that anyone filing a declaration of candidacy for the open library board positions should sign up either in person at the town office or by email or fax, January 19 to 28, 2022.

**November Meeting Minutes** – Motion to approve the amended minutes (list of attendees was added) made by Kaye, seconded by Pete, all members present approved.

**Treasurer's Report** - Pete

We remain in stable fiscal shape. Blisters for Books has taken in more than \$12,000 thus far. The town budget report was not available and there are no updates on the 2022 budget.

**Library Director Report** - Judy

Return to regular hours. Judy discussed the options for returning to regular hours. The proposed plan is to resume regular hours but to avoid having groups congregate in the library. Masks will continue to be strongly encouraged.

Judy is working with Dr. Bob Rufsvold of Lyme, helping to support his mission with [Restore Hope: Liberia](#), a nonprofit international aid agency, as a library advisor.

Judy reviewed her information-packed email that she sent out today updating the community on library news.

More than 20,000 items have been lent this year (13,500 last year) - this is very reassuring. Judy continues to monitor what is happening between the physical and digital collections to guide her decision making.

**Technology Committee** - Judy

Aspen update - it is coming along!

**Buildings and Grounds Committee** - Deb and Judy

To help facilitate tracking, the buildings and grounds task list will move to a shared Google spreadsheet: "[CFL.Fundraising Committee.Cost Projections](#)"

**Strategic Plan** - Audrey and Judy

Judy and Audrey met with Elise Foxall and Becky Wipfler on December 2 to discuss the school-library partnership.

**Business Requiring Action or Discussion** – Audrey and Judy

Trustee turnover was discussed. Dan and Marybeth will not be running again. Pete TBD.

The community survey is pending. Judy will send out a trial run to the board.

Help with Friends book sale cleanup this Saturday, December 11. They are buying a new book drop bin!

**Upcoming Events**

Online art history presentations by Jane Oneail of I Am Culturally Curious, in conjunction with Plainfield and Canaan libraries: Tuesday, December 7, 6:30 p.m.: “Art and World War II: Hitler’s Cultural Ambitions and Nazi Theft,” and Tuesday, January 11, 6:30 p.m.: “Granite State Gallery: NH Art & Artists through the Years.”

Friends of Lyme Library Book Sale, Saturday, December 11, 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Handcrafters are meeting regularly back at the library, Wednesdays, 3-5 p.m.

Tech Tuesdays continue, 1-3:30 p.m.

The next board meeting will be January 3, 2022!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marybeth Durkin

**The mission of the Converse Free Library is to foster a love of reading in the Lyme community. In a welcoming environment, the Library provides services and resources that encourage learning, stimulate curiosity, and invite the sharing of ideas.**