

CONVERSE PUBLIC LIBRARY
LYME, NH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes

DATE: 1/9/23 TIME: 7pm TYPE OF MEETING: Regular

PRESENT: Julie Goodrich, Melanie Isett, Meg Lysy, Kaye Ramsden, Deb Robinson, Judy Russell (Director), Peter Swart

ABSENT: John Biglow, Audrey Brown (Chair), Kim Werner

PUBLIC PRESENT: Stacey Summerfield

Call to Order at 7:08pm

1. Public Comment: None
2. Trustees 101- None
3. Approval of December 2022 meeting minutes– Deb Robinson moved to approve, Kaye Ramsden seconded
4. Treasurer
 - a. Library checking account – bigger balance because of a robust Blisters for Books and unsolicited donations
 - b. We will come in under budget with the Town this year
 - c. Peter Swart moved to appoint Kim Werner as assistant treasurer; Deb Robinson seconded. Approved.
 - d. Budget committee meetings moving toward public meetings
5. Library Director Report
 - a. The Memorandum of Understanding with the school is not agreed upon at this point and will perhaps be revisited by the school board this month
 - b. We have caught back up to pre-2020 circulation numbers and exceeded them (32,113 circulated items total). We dropped off in physical lending but picked up in digital lending
 - c. Areas that possibly could be advertised better: genealogy resources, digital NYT subscription (investigating including Cooking and Games to NYT digital subscription)
6. Strategic Planning – None
7. Buildings and Grounds:

- a. February 1 start date for the small project for installing new back wall shelving . Tim Olsen is the contractor.
 - b. Judy and Deb will gather new quotes for the exterior painting of the trim
 - c. Judy has submitted grant requests and we are waiting to hear back
 - d. Energy Committee is meeting to talk about library solar project questions and answers will be coming soon
 - e. Judy will call Cole Electric for two or three electrical issues
8. Business Requiring Action or Discussion
- a. John Biglow is stepping down from the Library Board as of mid-January, so we have a one-year open seat in addition to the other 3 that are open
 - b. February 4 Saturday morning board retreat – Kaye Ramsden suggests having concrete steps/alignments to come out of the retreat
9. Upcoming Events
- a. Handcrafters Gatherings, Wednesdays, 2-5pm
 - b. Tech Tuesdays, 3-5pm
 - c. Chess Club resuming March 2: Thursdays, 2:15-3:15pm
 - d. Monday Movies, 3:15pm, every 4 Mondays, all school year - Next one: February 6
 - e. Nonfiction Virtual Book Club (13+ participants plus Judy) continues to meet every other week. Current book: *Children of Ash and Elm: A History of the Vikings*
 - f. Art Show: Jim Lustenader Photography, "Paris Observed," through March 31
 - g. Next Jane Oneail/Culturally Curious online art-appreciation event Tuesday, January 10, 6:30pm, via Zoom: "The Art of the Scandal: Thefts, Vandals and Forgeries." Registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtduyvqDloH9QpEuiQoyYPA1q7hui8Sf0b>
7. Next meeting date: Feb 6, 2023, 7-9pm

Adjournment at 7:48pm

Submitted and recorded by Meg Lysy