

Minutes of the Quechee Library Board of Trustees Meeting
May 11, 2015

Attending: Bill Eastwood (Treasurer), Kathleen Hickey, Katie McCarthy, Kate Schaal (Library Director), Jim Schmidt, Merrilyn Tatarczuch-Koff_ (Vice-president) Absent: Brian Chaboyer (Secretary), Dave Izzo (President)

Meeting Called to Order – 5:08PM

In the absence of Mr. Izzo, the Vice-President chaired the meeting

1. Secretary's Report - Unavailable
2. Treasurer's Report: Budget is on track to continue in positive numbers through remaining FY2015. Positive numbers owe to a small decrease in overall expenses, a vacant part-time staff position and an anonymous but one-time 15K donation
3. Librarian's Report: Circulation is down slightly for the month (2870 in Quechee and 503 in Wilder) but still up overall for the year in both locations - likely affected by vagaries of weather. Brian is completing plans for the storage shed and will select a new lawnmower when the shed is complete. A vote was taken to remove the compromised tree in the corner of the parking lot (rather than simply remove the dead limbs) based on the following conditions: 1) verification by plot plan examination that the tree is on library property; 2) negotiation of the contract price based on consideration of the value of resulting cordwood. Owners of the abutting property will be advised that the tree is going to be removed. Kate was given latitude in identifying and hiring a qualified part-time staff member. Additional discussion was given to the Garden Club's desire to replace and upgrade the watering system for the front garden. Further investigation and assurance is needed to dispel the general unease about malfunction allowing pressurized water seeping into the building. In the event that a détente is reached, we would require a working agreement with the Garden Club for ongoing maintenance. A contingent of afterschool "gardeners" will visit to assist in garden cleanup.

Meeting Adjourned – 6:11PM

Submitted by Kathleen Hickey