

Minutes of Quechee Library Annual General Meeting

Monday, July 8, 2019

Present: Tommy Bauch (Trustee), Brian Chaboyer (Secretary), Bill Eastwood (Treasurer), Dave Izzo (President), Kate Schaal (Library Director), Jim Schmidt (Trustee), Merrilyn Tatarczuch-Koff (Vice-President)

Meeting was called to order at 5:05pm

Secretary's Report: Jim made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report from the 2018 Annual Meeting and Merrilyn seconded. All voted in favour.

Treasurer's Report: Bill discussed his written report, noting that our current checking balance is relatively high at the end of our fiscal year as the town allocation now arrives two months after the start of our new fiscal year. The expenses were a bit below our budget, mainly due to staffing changes leading to an underspend on salaries. Now that we are back to a stable staffing situation, our salary expenses next year should be in line with the budget. Bill expressed his praise for the staff for their hard work and dedication. Bill has agreed to remain as treasurer until an audit is completed. The board expressed their deep appreciation to Bill for his excellent performance and commitment as treasurer over many years. Merrilyn made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Jim seconded. All voted in favour.

Librarian's Report: Kate's written report summarized the status of the Quechee library in the previous year. The board thanked Kate for the well written and informative report which highlighted the positive impact that the library has on its patrons and volunteers, and a few of the many civic and literary programs that occur at the library. Total circulation was nearly 38,000 items, with electronic loans equaling 15%, which is twice last year's percentage. As noted by the American Library Association, the changes announced by Simon and Schuster for its electronic lending models is of great concern. Publishers replacing a perpetual access model for digital collections to a two year access model will place a significant financial burden on libraries, and will result in limiting public access to library resources. The board was pleased to hear that the Friends of the Quechee/Wilder libraries will once again hold their golf tournament, dinner and auction on August 9. Members of the Needleworkers United group which meets at the library are donating a number of very nice items for the auction. The board expressed their appreciation to Kate for her excellent work and dedication to the library. Jim made a motion to accept the Librarian's Report and Bill seconded. All voted in favour.

Other Business: The current owner of the old library building, Sherri Albrecht, has been seeking confirmation that an easement of three parking spaces in our lot were recorded in 1994. There is some incomplete documentation, and it is not clear yet if the easement was granted, or if it was grant, if the easement is permanent.

Election of Trustees: Merrilyn Tatarczuch-Koff and Dave Izzo were unanimously elected to three year terms.

Election of Officers: The slate of offices proposed as unchanged, and voted unanimously:

President: Dave Izzo

Vice-President: Merrilyn: Tatarczuch-Koff

Treasurer: Bill Eastwood

Secretary: Brian Chaboyer

The meeting closed and the Board convened to Executive Session at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by Brian Chaboyer July 11, 2019.

DRAFT