

Minutes of Quechee Library Trustees' Meeting

October 12, 2020

Attending: Tommy Bauch (Chair), Dave Izzo (Treasurer), Merrillyn Tatarczuch-Koff (Vice-Chair), Kate Schaal (Director), Bill Eastwood (Trustee), Katie McCarthy (Trustee), Jim Schmidt (Trustee)
Absent: Brian Chaboyer (secretary)

September 2020 Minutes were read and accepted

Treasurer's Report

The 1st 2021 Appropriation arrived from town
Budget request for the 2022 fiscal year is due this month.
Purchase of filtration units has begun with an estimated end cost of \$3000 to cover the square footage at both Quechee and Wilder Libraries.
Waiting continues on propane supplier contract and pricing.
Tommy and Dave will review financials next week with Bill Thomas at Wells Fargo.
Undesignated Contributions - exceeding 2020 already.
Custodial Expenses: Not through the Quarter and we're at 25% annual budget due to additional cleanings because of COVID.
Report was accepted

Director's Report

Circulation increase YoY - 7% with a steady increase in e-lending percentage.
The second hybrid discussion was held Oct. 19 for the Vermont Humanities Council series, created by Kate with scholar Suzanne Brown: *Pandemics: the Surreal and the Real*
Marieke hosted another hybrid program, this one for families, at Wilder Club and Library, by the Modern Times Theater. It was co-sponsored with Norwich Library and the Department of Libraries.
The poor numbers attending indicate the difficulty of engaging families at this time. It was agreed that attempts would be kept limited at this time.
The new Ottauquechee Elementary School principal, Amelia Donahey, visited to talk with Kate and Marieke. The conversation was very welcome, particularly with a joint concern about reaching families who may fall further from good reading habits during this time.
As every year, the library participated in *Rooted in Vermont*, a statewide promotion of local foods. Our series was again limited by the pandemic protocols, but it included offering sour dough starter to people and book displays. We also coordinated this with a story walk co-sponsored with the Quechee Club in Section 5.
Book donations continue and can seem overwhelming.
Report was accepted.

New Business: None

Old Business:

There was a brief discussion of how and when to submit a flat budget request to town.

Next Meeting: November 9, 2020, 5PM