

Minutes of Quechee Library Trustees' Meeting

Oct. 11, 2021

Attending: Tommy Bauch (President), Brian Chaboyer (secretary), Bill Eastwood (Trustee), Dave Izzo (Treasurer), Katie McCarthy (Trustee), Kate Schaal (Library Director), Jim Schmidt (Trustee), Robert Hamlin

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Public Comments: None.

Dave provided an overview of the written treasurer's report. We currently have a surplus of cash in the checking account and Dave recommended that \$30K be moved into the investment account. We are under budget (by about \$6,000) in the current fiscal year, due to savings on salaries and underspending on our DVD budget. More staff hours have recently been added. The fall book sale, held during the September balloon festival was successful.

Brian made the motion that \$20,000 be moved into the library's investment account. Jim seconded the motion. All were in favour and the motion passed.

The report was accepted.

Kate Schaal presented her written report. **The report was accepted**, with a discussion of a number of issues:

1. A productive conversation was held with the new town manager.
2. Circulation stats are down somewhat, as we continue to see the effects of the pandemic. The various discussion series (which are offered in a hybrid format) continue to have strong attendance. This includes the cinema club, which is hoping to have a director attend one of their meetings.
3. We are very sorry to learn that Jim and Meg Schmidt will be moving out of the area. Jim and Meg have been an important part of the library for the last several years, and they will be missed.
4. We have been approached by an additional AA group, asking for permission to use the library for a meeting once a week. After some discussion, the request was approved for a Friday morning meeting.
5. There have been complaints about the poor behavior of 2 children outside the library. They are dropped off by the school bus, and have been asked to leave the library in the past. It was suggested that the police be called if the issue continues.

New Business: The board expressed their appreciation and thanks to Rick Stamm, who has been replacing the siding that is in poor condition.

Old Business: Dave presented a document for a revised vacation/ personal time policy. **Jim made the motion that we approve the revised vacation/personal policy. Bill seconded the motion. All were in favour and the motion passed.**

Next meeting: Nov. 8 at 5pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:36pm.