

Minutes of Quechee Library Trustees' Meeting

April 11, 2022

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Public Comments: None.

Treasurer's Report: Dave has been traveling and provided a verbal update. Overall, our spending is in line with our budget. We will likely end the fiscal year with more income than expenses. However, we are currently considering a new project to improve the sustainability of the building, which would use up any excess funds (and more). Dave will provide a written report in a few days.

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

1. The Vermont reads discussion We Contain Multitudes was very successful with the discussion being better than anticipated.
2. The how to recycle and compost presentation by Ham Gillett of the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District was very well received. A summary of the very useful information given at the event has been posted onto our website.
3. Katie McCarthy has resigned as trustee. We are looking for a new trustee, and one person has been approached as a potential new trustee.
4. The Friends of the Quechee Library are also looking for new people for their steering committee.
5. The library has joined the Sustainable Libraries Initiative. One of our major initiatives will be upgrading our heating system. Rick Stamm is willing to meet with Cota and Cota
6. We are looking forward to getting a volunteer to sorting and scanning the glass plates negatives. Rowan should be able to start volunteering on this project in mid-May.
7. The three new Pompanoosuc Mills are ready and will be picked up soon.

Old Business: The new self check-out kiosks have been installed. They do not take up much space and Dave notes that they are very easy use.

New Business:

We have a new flag – it is 4x6, so larger than the last flag.

Dave sent a letter to town officials (3 different people), noting that in the town's annual report, they only reported half of our appropriation last year, so our flat budget request actually looked like a large increase. No response has been received.

There will be a solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. However, totality will not be visible in Quechee, one will have to drive north to see the total solar eclipse (for example, to Burlington or St. Johnsbury). It is not clear if the library should organize anything for the event.

Next Regular Meeting: May 9 at 5pm. Meeting adjourned at 5:29pm