

Minutes of Quechee Library Trustees' Meeting

June 13, 2022

Attending: Tommy Bauch (President), Brian Chaboyer (secretary), Dave Izzo (Treasurer), Kate Schaal (Library Director), Jim Schmidt (Trustee), Robert Hamlin, Rick Stamm, Debbie Marcus

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Public Comments: None.

Treasurer's Report: Dave provided an overview of his written report. Overall, the budget is in good shape. Income from donations this month has been a bit light. However, the Friends appeal is going well. Compared to last year, our payroll is a bit over, collections are down a bit, program expenses up a bit. Dave is still working on the IRS 990 form; there are over 100 places on the form which require entry.

The report was accepted.

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

1. Rick summarizes the visit by Simple Energy (Jamie Bean). They are worried about placement and age of the current propane tank, and suggested that we replace the buried tank with 4 upright bottles behind the building (next to the parking lot).

The visit from ARC visit included a long discussion about the boiler. Newer condensing boilers (which we have) like to operate at 160F, while our older radiator system was likely designed for 180F. Looking at the current radiator placement – Marieke's office is short on baseboards, as is the front of the library. The original back wall of the building (now the wall to the children's room) has too many radiators. As a result, most times only the front zone needs heat. ARC will submit a quote for re-working the heating system, but will not do propane delivery.

We need to get another quote for the propane tank – Brian will try Cota and Cota again.

Rick will also call Dead River. It appears to be that we own the current tank and will need to pay for the removal of the old tank.

2. Currently looking into building an outside space using some ARPA funds to purchase furniture. Hopefully, this project will help to increase our visibility. We would pay for the stonework ourselves. Todd Holmes was contacted and he had his stone person look at it. We were thinking of a 12 foot diameter circular patio (which would have allowed for a 7 foot circular table). However, natural stone does not lend itself to a circle, so recommendation is to make the patio more of a rectangle, following the contours of the garden. We now need to come up with a specific outline for the patio, in consultation with the folks who maintain the garden (Marion, Jeanette and Debbie). Todd will send us a quote shortly.

3. Debbie is considering joining the board, which is good news. She is from Glochester, MA, but in Quechee since 1995, and has owned a home here since Irene. She is very active in the

Rotary club, including as board member and president. She has been on the Appalachian Mountain Club executive board, including the last 2 years as secretary. Debbie is active in book clubs at the library, and in maintaining the library garden.

4. Library circulation is down again. People appear to have changed their habits during the pandemic and we need to look at our increasing our visibility.
5. Sally Lambert is still an issue. She is demanding lots of strange books. We need to review our policy statement for the collection. Staff are reluctant to use the trespass letter; there is some thought that using the letter will lead to negative press.

Old Business: None. New Business: None.

Next AGM: July 11 at 5pm.

Next Regular Meeting: Aug. 8 at 5pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm