

Minutes of Quechee Library Trustees' Meeting

Aug14, 2023

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

Minutes of the May 8 meeting were discussed. Since they had not been carefully reviewed, approval of the minutes was deferred to the September meeting.

Public Comments: None.

Treasurer's Report: Dave provided an overview of his written report. We are only one month into the new fiscal year. Everything looks normal. We have received some nice donations. We will need to purchase some new hardware due to our transition to EC Fiber, and those expenses will occur in the next month or two. Our investment accounts are doing well. We are waiting to receive the next check from the town. The report was unanimously accepted (moved by Brian, seconded by Bill).

Kate Schaal presented her written report. The report was unanimously accepted (moved by Dave, seconded by Bill), with a discussion of a number of issues:

1. The sudden resignation by Marieke was a surprise after more than 15 years of fine service. We were fortunate to quickly receive an excellent application from Michaela Lavelle. She will take the position of assistant librarian in early September and expects to start an MLIS degree program in January."
2. Debbie was quick to volunteer to lead the book discussions at Bugbee and her assistance is greatly appreciated. Other volunteers are also generously helping during this transition.
3. Due to technical difficulties, the Koho circulation report did not work as anticipated, but preliminary numbers suggest that there was an uptick in circulation in July.
4. Our new internet service provider, EC fiber is now active. However, we need to replace the switch and reconfigure, or purchase new wireless access points. The fire alarm system is not compatible with voice of IP lines, and will need to be upgraded/modified.

Old Business: None.

New Business: The house next door, which owns the lot behind the library is likely going to be for sale soon. We should pay attention to the listings and if the house is for sale perhaps inquire if they are willing to sell the lot separately.

Next Regular Meeting: Sept. 11 at 5pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:31pm