

Minutes of Quechee Library Trustees' Meeting

January 9, 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

Public comments: Dave- Thank you, Bob, for being willing to help out with the telescope with the Wilder School students.

Treasurer's Report: Everything seems to be going well budget-wise. Dave and Rick to meet w/ Partridge people w/ heating system. They can show us the system
The project total cost was \$41,000. Lots of planning and great pay off. Payroll is a little high w/ 3 pay periods in December.

There was a big jump in electric use w/ heat pump. Need to evaluate after summer for solar benefit. There is a slight increase in maintenance services, plowing, and custodian service had an extra cleaning day in December

Appeal is doing very well. \$5,000-6,000 to date and \$1,000 – 2,000 going in this week. Expecting a few more donations to trickle in.

Evaluating the checking and investment accounts, at our current monthly averages we should be ok in checking but seems prudent to draw down investments prior to the town check arrives. Good to have \$10-15k safety net

Investment accounts beat the market odds in last year and did not lose as much

Questions: Bill: Seems like we're set at this point. Did you want to do this prior to Spring?

Dave: still waiting on a final invoice for heating system.

Kate's Report

1. Chess table is in! The heating system is performing well. Possibly running too warm. We need to address with the Partridge folks.
2. Selectboard meeting was interesting. The W. Hartford topic proposed by Gail seemed to catch them by surprise.
3. Received a certified letter from our resident COVID antagonist. The Website notice has been updated re COVID protocols and sunseting. "Private" signs now posted on office doors in order to delineate boundaries
4. Circulation down with electronic up
5. Sarah Stewart Taylor giving talk with Bugbee. James Sturm involved with Vermont Reads

Sustainable Library committee

Debbie: one thing for the Feb. agenda, vote on sustainability policy for the library
One of the initial requirements/benchmarks. Draft coming out prior to Feb. Would like 100% trustee involvement in adoption

New/Old Business:

Mark recounts Selectboard meeting experience.

Deadlines coming out of Town Hall seem to be coming without notice. Recommend staying on top.

501(c) discussion

Next Meeting: 2/13/2023