

Minutes of Quechee Library Trustees' Meeting

May 8, 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 March 13 meeting were approved

Treasurer's Report: Dave provided an overview of his written report. There are two months remaining in FY2023. If you remove the \$46K cost of the HVAC upgrade, expenses are a bit below the budget and income is a bit higher than the budget. This is due to stronger than expected donations, book sales and dividends from our investment fund. The report was accepted.

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

1. The library will purchase a digital subscription to the New York Times for one year. This will provide unlimited on site access, plus 6000 tickets that allow off-site patrons access for 24 hours. The basic subscription we are purchasing does not include games, cooking and the Athletic (part of their sports coverage). Kate will investigate how we can anonymously track the use of the subscription.
2. Alex Prud'homme has a new book (on meals at the White House) and would be happy to do a reading and some sort benefit for us this July. The basic idea is a public reading, following a ticketed 'second course'. Debbie and Kate will work on the details, once they hear more from Alex.
3. The library is planning on lots of workshops and activities this summer which should appeal to people of all ages. This includes Asian paper cutting, rug hooking, a special exhibit on needlework and lessons on various needlework skills.
4. There have been a few public meetings with the Town Manager Search committee. At these meetings people appear to be on the same page in the type of person they would like for a town manager, — someone who believes in open, honest communication. The Selectboard makes the final decision, and they are not running these meetings.
5. We are close to transitioning to a new internet service provider, EC fiber. A new conduit has been installed and paid for, but EC Fiber is not giving us a firm date for hookup. Our contract with First Light ends June 30.
6. The stamp club would like to switch their monthly meetings from Monday evening to Sunday afternoon. The cleaning people have no objection. The board approved the stamp club request.

Old Business: None.

New Business: The state library sent out a needs assessment form for possible new ARPA grants. Kate filled out the form, with our biggest needs being various building improvements (such as new windows in Wilder, a heat pump for the basement in Quechee, etc.). We are now waiting to hear the details of the grant application process. Longer term, the board should come up with a plan for capital improvement.

Next Regular Meeting: June 12 at 5pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm

