

Minutes of Quechee Library Trustees' Meeting

Oct. 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

Minutes of the May 8 meeting were approved.

Since Brian was not at the September meeting, no minutes were taken. Tommy will look at his notes and prepare the September minutes for the next meeting.

Public Comments: None.

Treasurer's Report: Dave provided an overview of his written report. We are three months into the fiscal year. Everything looks normal. We have received some nice donations, a number of which are in memory of Miriam Greenwald. We received a \$1000 donation from the Rotary, which is very helpful. The book sale has been doing very well. We have contracted to buy propane at \$1.85/gallon. Budget submission will be discussed later in the meeting.

The report was unanimously accepted (moved by Bill, seconded by Jim).

Library Director's Report: 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. Michaela is quickly becoming an excellent new assistant and is developing new initiatives with George.
2. The construction on Main Street has made it difficult for many people to access the library; despite this circulation was up in Quechee by 3% compared to last year.
3. We have several upcoming programs, including tomorrow's at 5 pm with Rick Winston, author of *Red Scare in the Green Mountains: The McCarthy Era in Vermont 1946- 1960*. On Sunday, Oct. 15, Alex Prud'homme will talk about his book, *Dinner with the President: Food, Politics, and a History of Breaking Bread at the White House*. There will be an appetizer table featuring favorite foods and a concurrent children's program. This should be a fun and interesting event.
4. George and Michaela are planning a Halloween celebration at Wilder for Friday, Oct. 27, 3-6pm.
5. Our presentation to the select board will be on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 6pm. We will include our budget request, as part of our discussion of how we serve the town.

Old Business: None.

New Business: We will be submitting a request to the town for our FY25 budget. Given our current projected spending, it makes sense to make a flat budget request.

Next Regular Meeting: Nov. 13 at 5pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm EDT