

DOROTHY ALLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TRUSTEE MINUTES FOR MARCH 21, 2022

UNAPPROVED

Present: Karla Karstens, Steve Perkins, Diane Downer, Charity Clark(virtual), Shari Westman, Barbara Mieder; librarians Jane Kearns and Danielle Doucette

Absent: Brian Goodwin

Elections: A new slate of officers was unanimously elected: President – Charity Clark; Treasurer – Karla Karstens; Secretary – Barbara Mieder

Secretary's report: The secretary's report was approved without corrections.

Treasurer's report: Karla Karstens reported the receipt of \$4270 as the DAML disbursement from the Community Foundation.

Friends of the Library report: The Friends have not met since January. Acknowledgement was made of the new Friends of the Library bookshelf in the adult computer room.

Current budget report:

- The Trustees looked at the report for February. The goal was 67%, and spending is at 59%. However, we should end the fiscal year on target.

Librarian's report:

- February statistics: Patron visits were down a bit (probably due to the omicron variant). Comparisons of the past two years show that we are slowly coming back to pre-pandemic levels. As was noted in previous months, electronic usage keeps increasing.
- Operations updates:
- The Town of Williston lifted its mask mandate, and now masks are optional at the library (although the staff will continue to wear masks). The library is offering personalized pick-up services for patrons who feel uncomfortable in a non-masked environment.
- The Town is looking at the second round of ARPA funds. The library is proposing a new book drop, a permanent story walk, and replacement of the bookmobile two years earlier than anticipated.
- In-person adult programming has begun (although some programs will continue online).

Staff report: Danielle Doucette, Youth Services Librarian, reported.

- The library received \$1461 in donations from this year's holiday giving tree.
- There has been a big increase in youth visiting the library.
- There are both indoor and outdoor story times offered for preschoolers.
- A variety of after school, in-person activities are being offered such as Legos, crafts, book discussions, etc.

- There are a few teen programs, and she is working on getting more teens involved.
- The collaboration with South Burlington on the Vermont Reads selection *We Contain Multitudes* is underway with discussions, a poetry slam, a letter exchange, and bluegrass concert planned.
- *Oceans of Possibilities* is the theme of the summer reading program.
- She is working on weeding and labeling (according to genres) the youth collection.

New Business: The VLA conference is scheduled for June. Jane will present a proposal next month on how we can keep the library open and still let the librarians attend.

Old business: The Trustees finished their review of library policies and made some minor revisions and corrections. These will be warned for a vote at the April meeting.

Executive session: The Trustees went into executive session from 8:08 to 8:15. There was then a motion to authorize Karla and Diane to spend no more than \$700 on library-related expenses.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:17.

Next meeting: April 18, 2022, at 7 p.m.