

RANDOLPH PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18, 2023

Present: Steve Teczar, Linda Scherf, Denise Demers, Rhonda Stitt, Karen Bradley, Yvonne Jenkins, Kayla Demers (via Zoom).

1. Steve made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, Rhonda seconded, all were in favor.
2. Treasurer's Report, Rhonda
 - Town Checking Balance: \$10,170.36
 - RPL Checking Balance: \$ 7,245.80
 - Building Fund CD Balance: \$19,200.44
 - Invoices were circulated for approval
3. Friends Group Board, Kayla
 - Kayla presented the minutes from their meeting on January 4, 2023.
 - They are still looking for more volunteer support to help with events.
 - There is continued progress on the "Welcome To Randolph" initiative.
 - The Friends Board has decided to meet every other month, instead of quarterly.
 - The date for their next meeting is March 1, 2023
4. Librarian's report, Yvonne

We received a check for \$7,180.00 from the Association for Rural and Small Libraries.

Yvonne has also been collecting estimates for several options to address our energy needs, including a heat pump.

PROGRAMS:

Sue Wemyss's presentation was held on January 8th in the White Mountain Room at the Library. She discussed her book "Trail to Gold". It was attended by 25 people and was very well received.

The Mildred Horton book group will be meeting on Monday, January 23 at 10:00 am.

Plans are underway for the "**Take Your Child To The Library Day**" on February 4th. Katharine Turnbull will be helping Yvonne all day with the event. The Friends Group will also be helping by providing supplies for the activities as well as helping to find volunteers.

The Great North Woods Libraries has finalized the list for the Winter/Spring programs. The first one will be on February 1st at 6:00pm via zoom and will continue on the first Wednesday of the month. Be sure to register online.

Library Reports: The Randolph Town Report is due February 10, and the State Library Report is due at the end of March.

Other Business: Sharon Penny has contacted Paul Cormier about donating the old Bear Skin Coat that belonged to the Wood family to the Library/Town. Yvonne has researched storage of fur coats and found a cloth garment bag on a special hanger that would then be kept in the archive room in the Town Hall and taken out for special occasions and viewings. It would be cataloged as such. The Library agreed to pay for the cost for the garment bag, which is \$52.94.

Yvonne anticipates taking a few days off around the end of February upon the arrival of her new granddaughter. She has already spoken to Katharine about possibly filling in while Yvonne is away.

5. Operating Budget for the next Fiscal Year (Due January 27, 2023)
Rhonda distributed copies of next year's budget proposal. The Trustees voted to increase the Librarian's salary by \$2 per hour as well as to give her a \$500 performance bonus. The operating budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2023 is \$24,230.00 and will be submitted to the Selectmen for approval.
6. Library Trustee 3-Year Position (Filing Period January 25th -Feb 3rd at 5pm)
Rhonda Stitt is completing her 3-year term as an elected Trustee and service as Treasurer. She has announced that she will be stepping down from her position on the RPL Board of Trustees. We are currently searching for someone to fill this position.
7. Continuing and Other Business
Yvonne continues to make progress on obtaining estimates regarding the Library's energy concerns and future improvements. She will have more updates at next month's meeting.

The Library will be represented in the Bicentennial Quilt as part of the celebration that is scheduled for the summer of 2024. Linda presented the group with some ideas for the 12x12 square, and has asked that we come up with some additional ideas as well for the next meeting. The finished square must be submitted to the Bicentennial Quilt Committee by June 30th 2023.

8. The date for the next meeting is Wednesday February 15, 2023.

The meeting adjourned a 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Bradley, Secretary

