

Randolph Public Library Trustees' Meeting Minutes for Wednesday September 20, 2023

Present: Steve Teczar, Linda Scherf, Denise Demers, Annie Colella, Yvonne Jenkins, Karen Bradley, Kalya Demers (via zoom).

Absent: Heather Newfield

1. Annie Colella made a motion for the minutes from the previous meeting to be approved. Steve seconded. All were in favor.

2. **Treasurer's Report, Annie**

Town Checking Balance: \$14,906.80

- Income
 - Interest: \$.13
- Expenses
 - Electricity: \$60.21
 - Book purchases: \$79.69
 - Phone: \$53.06
 - Yankee Subscription: \$29.97
 - NH Magazine Subscription: \$14.97
 - Library Trustee Association Membership renewals (Yvonne and Steve): \$60.00

RPL Checking Balance: \$14,893.19

- Income
 - Interest: \$.12
 - Pop-up book sales: \$352.00
 - Donations for Christine Woodside's Book: \$80.00
 - Donation: \$200.00
- Expenses
 - N/A

Building Fund: \$19,314.30 (no change)

- Dividends paid this quarter: \$57.33
- From quarterly statement ending 6/31
- Certificate matures on 9/22/23 (current APY 1.2%) recommend withdrawing and reinvesting with higher rate certificate

3. **Friends Group, Kayla**

- Kayla submitted the minutes from the bi-monthly board meeting, which was held on September 13, 2023.
- The Friends Group annual report will be published in the next edition of the Mountain View.
- The next board meeting will be held on November 1, 2023 at 9:00am.

4. Librarian's Report, Yvonne

- Wednesday August 23rd: author Christine Woodside gave a presentation, sold copies of her previous book and donated the proceeds to the Library. There were 35 attendees.
 - Saturday August 26th: Thomas Strayhorn performed at the "Library After Hours", it was a great turn out!
 - The Mildred Horton Book Group is resuming on Monday, September 25th at 10:00 am in the White Mountain Room.
 - October 4th: Author Robert Goodby will be participating in a zoom event to discuss the book A Deep Presence, everyone is invited to join via zoom. There will also be a watch party in the White Mountain room for anyone who would like to join. This event is a follow up to the "Community Read", where various libraries in New Hampshire held individual book groups.
 - The Old Library Bookstore remains open on Sundays from 3-5pm. The last day will be on Sunday, October 8th with cider and donuts.
 - The Library will be closed on Monday, October 9th for Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day.
 - The RPL received a NH Humanities Grant to hold a "Perspectives Book Group" on October 23rd at 10:00 am as a part of the Mildred Horton Book Group. The grant provided 12 copies of The Coffin Ship by Cian T. McMahon and \$250 to cover a facilitator's honorarium. The Library will be zooming with professor Mary Kelly from Keene, NH.
 - **Upcoming Purchases:**
 - Portable folding movie screen. Yvonne has researched options and has chosen one from Amazon for \$242.50 (includes shipping).
 - Book plates. The Library ordered 520 in 2020 at a cost of \$125 from Smith and Town Printers in Berlin.
5. "New Kids on the Block": The Friends of the RPL will be collaborating with the Library to host an open house on Saturday November 4th at 10:00 am. Any new residents of Randolph from the past 5 years will be invited.
6. The Library is creating a survey with a focus on long range planning to get a better idea of service to families and the community, as well as the need for additional Library hours and staff. Yvonne would like to research examples of other surveys more before we decide on content/purpose and form.
7. Continuing and other business
- We are awaiting an update from Romik Developers on a start date.
 - There is still a need for another Trustee.
8. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Bradley, secretary

