

Randolph Public Library Trustees' Meeting Minutes for Wednesday October 18, 2023

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

1. Denise made a motion for the minutes from the previous meeting to be approved. Annie seconded, all were in favor.

2. Treasurer's Report, Annie

- Town Checking balance: \$14,789.00
- RPL Checking balance: \$15,455.91
- Building Fund CD: (as of last quarter) \$19,366.74

3. Friends Group

- There were no updates from the Friends Group.
- Their next Board meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2023 at 9:00am.

4. Librarian's Report, Yvonne

Programs:

- Author Robert Goodby joined the Great North Woods Libraries on Zoom as part of the 2023 Community Read of his book "A Deep Presence". The Friends of the RPL will contribute \$50 to his \$200 fee.
- The Mildred Horton Book Group will be meeting on Monday, October 23 to discuss "The Coffin Ship" as part of the NH Humanities Perspectives Book Group. We received a check for \$250.00 to be paid to the facilitator Mary Kelly. The Humanities also purchased 12 copies of the book - 1 for each participant.
- Purchases: We have received our new folding movie screen. Yvonne has already used it once for the "watch party" with Robert Goody.
- We received 500 new bookplates from Smith and Town printers. Invoice to come.
- Income: The Old Library Bookshop is now closed for the season. Yvonne was not there on closing day, but Heather Wiley volunteered. Total sales for that day were \$81. Yvonne used \$20 to reimburse Laura Scherf \$20 for

purchasing a copy of the new 4,000 Footers guidebook. (A \$7.95 savings off the retail price.)

- The Library received a donation of \$750 from the Porches of Randolph fundraiser. (Check to Annie 10/18/23)

5. Budget Planning for 2024

- Annie presented a review of the 2023 budget.
- There have been requests from the Friends Group Board, as well as from the community to increase the hours of operation for the RPL. The board discussed ideas on how we could increase the summer hours, as well as the winter hours, as well as the possible need for additional staff at the RPL.
- The RPL Trustees moved into a non-public session to discuss the details of additional hours and staff of the RPL.

6. Continuing and other business

- The open house for new residents on November 4 is still in the planning stages. Yvonne will contact Sue Maddock for details and hope to send out invitations next week.
- Library Survey - draft in progress.
- Energy Efficiency/Romik Update: Yvonne has not heard back from Romik Developers regarding a work date for our insulation project, but will keep calling. They know that the work must be completed before the end of the year.
- There is still a need for an additional RPL Trustee.
- Yvonne has Covid Tests available at the RPL for anyone who needs them.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Bradley, secretary