

Randolph Public Library Trustees' Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2024

Present: Steve Teczar, Annie Colella, Heather Newfield, Katharine Turnbull, Denise Demers, Yvonne Jenkins, Karen Bradley.

Absent: Linda Scherf

1. Annie made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Steve seconded, all were in favor.

2. **Treasurer's Report:**

Town Checking Balance: \$12,938.99*

- Income
 - Interest: \$.12
- Expenses
 - Electricity: \$127.26
 - Phone: \$54.15
 - NH Downloadable books: \$475

RPL Checking Balance: \$5,545.01*

- Income
 - Interest: \$.14
- Expenses
 - Galileoscopes for Solar Eclipse viewing: \$424.06
 - NH Library Association Membership dues: \$25

**Note: Error in last month's Town and RPL Checking Balance on Treasurer's Report due to insulation costs being applied to incorrect account. This month's numbers reflect the corrections.*

Building Fund: \$19,635.21

- Dividends paid this quarter: \$244.66
- From quarterly statement ending 12/31/23

3. **Friends Group**

- The mailing for the 2024 Membership sign-up/donation is going very well.
- The next board meeting will be held on January 24, 2024 at 9:00 am.

4. **Librarian's Report**

Programs:

- We had a Zoom watch party on January 3 of the Solar Eclipse presentation by Doug Arion. 10 people attended in person. The next presentation will be on Feb. 7 - Backyard Astronomy by Matt Maloney of Time Mountain Center.

Upcoming programs:

- Children's Story Hour - Jan. 20
- Mildred Horton Book Group - Jan. 22
- Sourdough Bread Making - Feb.10 (Limited to 12)

Purchases:

- Bulk purchase of 10 Galileoscopes - 9 of the scopes are spoken for. Yvonne will send an invoice to participating libraries for reimbursement.
- The insulation upgrade was completed December 18 & 19, 2023. The total cost was \$9,580. Yvonne filed the followup report with the Association for Small and Rural Libraries. With the help of Melissa Elander from Clean Energy NH, and Margaret Dillon who conducted our Energy Audit, Eversource should be sending an incentive check for \$4,790. Yvonne completed all the necessary paperwork and has been dealing with Jack Paloucek, Energy Efficiency Consultant, Eversource.

Library Report for 2023 is being written and is due to be submitted for inclusion in the Town Annual Report for 2023 to Linda Dupont by Feb. 1.
The NH Public Library Survey is open and due in the beginning of April.

Bicentennial Ideas from the Library:

- Reader's Theater presentation from the diaries of Eldena Leighton Hunt and Frank Wood (and perhaps Nancy Penney).
- Weekly displays and profiles of some of Randolph's distinguished citizens.
- Book discussion of *Randolph Old and New* - perhaps as part of the Mildred Horton Book Group.
- There will be a float for the RPL in the Bicentennial Parade, which will be on August 3rd.

5. An Advisory Committee is being formed to oversee the spending of memorial gifts donated to the Randolph Public Library and the Friends of the Randolph Public library. This will be a collaboration of two RPL Trustees, 2 members of the Friends Group, Yvonne, as well as other community patrons of the RPL.

6. Denise made a motion to approve the 2024 proposed budget of \$29,562.00. Steve seconded, all were in favor.

7. We will distribute a Library survey regarding possible expanded Library hours if the proposed budget is approved at the Town Meeting.

8. Steve brought in an issue of the NHLTA Newsletter: Volumes 39 Number 4. It will be displayed at the Library.

9. We discussed the need for another Trustee, as well as the need for another Alternate Trustee.

10. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday February 21, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Bradley, secretary