

Randolph Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2025

Present: Yvonne Jenkins, Kathrine Turnbull, Linda Scherf, Heather Newfield, Annie Colella, Cathy Roy.

Absent: Karen Bradley

1. Annie motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Heather seconded, all were in favor.

2. Treasurer's Report

Northway Bank has transitioned to Camden National Bank as of 3/17/25. Account numbers have not changed and we have already received new business cards. Annie is setting up online banking.

Invoices were circulated for approval.

3. Librarian's Report

SPRING PROGRAMS:

April 2, 2025 - Great North Woods Libraries - CSI New England - Frances Glessner Lee. The Library will be responsible for \$43.75

May 7. Smuttynose - Case Closed. (Paid for by the Humanities.)

April 16 at 6:30 p.m.- Maine author Amy Wight Chapman will come discuss her new memoir "Just Like Water" in the Town Hall. A press release has been sent out and flyers are up. It would be nice to have refreshments following her presentation. She will have books for purchase and signing.

PENDING PROGRAMS:

Gary Newfield of the Randolph Conservation Commission expressed interest in having a program about **micro plastics**. Yvonne has contacted the Green Mountain Conservation Group in Ossipee and they have someone that could do the program. The Conservation Commission would provide the money for the speaker and travel fees. We are working on a possible date.

Yvonne has contacted the UNH Extension to see if they have a speaker that could do a presentation on **Home Composting**. They do, as well as many other topics. They recommend a \$100 honorarium for their speakers. The date and time has not been set yet, but we are contemplating holding this on April 22nd, EARTH DAY.

THE RPL and Friends Group are discussing a possible EARTH DAY CELEBRATION to be held on Saturday April 26th, which would be similar to the Winter Solstice Day.

The Summer Reading Program theme is “Color our World”. Yvonne would like to offer something for both very young children and older children. Money will be needed for supplies.

Yvonne is putting together a book order for summer reading.

We are in need of volunteers to help with flowers and garden clean up this spring.

The President of the United States has slashed the budget of the national Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The NH State Library received \$1.3M through the IMLS each year which goes to supporting Libby (digital book lending), Interlibrary loan services, and library services for those who are visually impaired or who have dyslexia for all libraries in New Hampshire. It is unknown how these national budget cuts will affect the local libraries, but the services mentioned above could be at risk. Discussion was had around including information on the library website or on an insert that would be placed in all books on loan through the Interlibrary loan service letting patrons know about this possible disruption in services and encouraging them to reach out to their representatives to support the continued support of these services.

4. The Friends Group Report

The Friends Group met on March 19th.

The RPL Annual Book and Bake sale is tentatively scheduled for July 26th, 2025.

There will be a Friends Group gathering on June 7th at 1pm at the library (Ice Cream Social).

The Annual Friends meeting will take place on August 6th at 7pm.

The Friends, Library, and Randolph Foundation are partnering to do an event focused on the Randolph women who were involved in WWII. This will take place on August 12-13 with a movie showing on the 12th and forum on the 13th.

The Friends Group have prioritized increasing their membership base in 2025

5. Continuing and Other Business:

Katharine has gotten an exciting full time position starting in May and will not be able to continue working part time at the library. Yvonne will be reaching out to the Gorham, Jefferson, and Whitefield libraries to see if there is anyone working in those libraries who would like a few more hours each week in Randolph.

There has been a need for an Alternate Trustee since Denise's departure in December. Cathy Roy expressed interest in the role and joined the meeting to meet the Trustees and have a better understanding of what is involved in becoming a Trustee. She will be reaching out to the Trustees following the meeting to confirm or rescind her interest in the role.

Yvonne has started a spreadsheet outlining the in-memoriam donations along with the projects associated with each. This will be used going forward to track these types of donations and associated projects.

6. The date for the next meeting is April 16th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Bradley, secretary