

Randolph Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes for August 20, 2025

Present: Heather Newfield, Annie Colella, Karen Bradley, Linda Scherf, Dr. Chris Lake, Cathy Roy, Yvonne Jenkins.

1. Cathy made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, Heather seconded. All were in favor.

2. Treasurer's Report:

- **Town Checking Balance: \$18,457.73** from statement ending 7/31/25
- **RPL Checking Balance: \$15,592.55** from statement ending 7/31/25
- **Building Fund: \$20,983.04** from statement ending 6/30/25
- Invoices were circulated for approval.

3. Librarian's Report

Programs

- The Book and Bake sale was held on July 26. We had many volunteers to help sort and set up. Attendance was a bit down, but we still were able to raise \$834 for the Library. We do not have an update on the Friends bake sale total.
- On August 9 Linda Scherf and Yvonne sold books at the Randolph Foundation's yard sale. Larry Jenkins helped with the setup the day before. We raised an additional \$67, which was deposited into the RPL Checking account.
- The children's summer reading program finished on August 13. A total of 33 children attended 6 programs. Deidre Blair of Three Sisters Gallery attended the last event and prepared an art activity for the kids. The Library will provide her with a \$100 stipend.
- The Film and Forum event that was co-sponsored by the Randolph Foundation and the Friends of the RPL was very successful. All of the donations collected during both events will go directly to the Friends. There are already plans for a similar event next year.
- On August 25 at 6:30 p.m., Julianne and Barry Johnston will perform during Library After Hours. Yvonne will provide refreshments for this event.
- The Mildred Horton Book Group will be resuming on September 29.
- Wednesday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m. Watch Party - Community Read & Discuss - In the Evil Day: Violence Comes to a Small Town by Richard Adams Carey.

Staffing

- Clio Grondahl completed work on August 16. She returned her key and thanked us for hiring her this summer. She enjoyed it very much. Yvonne presented her with a gift bag and thanked her. She worked out very well.
- Catherine Zirpolo will fill in for the remaining Friday evening hours on August 22 & 29. She will also be working on at least two Saturdays per month this fall and winter. We have not finalized the schedule yet.
- Yvonne will be going to Newfoundland from September 19-26 and Catherine will work that week.

Library Passes

The Fairbanks Museum pass was renewed for another year by the Friends of the RPL. The Mt. Washington Observatory pass will remain active until they close in October. (The Weather Station tours only.)

Natural Outdoor Playspace

Liz Johnson, Randy Meiklejohn, Lars Shickstone met with Yvonne to discuss plans for the Natural Outdoor Playspace. Randy agreed to draw up a plan. Larry and Yvonne did some weed removal to clear out the area to be used. There will be another meeting soon to keep the process moving forward. Liz, Randy and Lars have agreed to be the "committee" for the project. The "Chime Wall" from Elemental Designs was ordered and should be ready for pickup sometime in September.

PurpleAir* (air quality monitor). *Manufacturer.

Summer resident Anne Barschall purchased and donated an air quality monitor for Randolph. It was installed under the porch roof next to the french doors at the Randolph Library. Public air quality data and information is now available via the Library website by connecting to the PurpleAir link. She also made a \$50 donation to the Library.

4. Friends Group

- There were no updates from the Friends Group. Their next meeting will be September 17th at 9 AM

5. The next RPL Trustees meeting will be held on Wednesday September 17th at 6:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Bradely, secretary.

