

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 11, 2018

Meeting Called to Order by Kathy Kelly at 2:30

Attendees were Kathy Kelly, Chair, Sandy Boyce, Treasurer, Lucy Natkiel, Secretary, Lynn Christopher, Library Director, and Barbara Libby, past board member.

The Secretary's Report had no additions or corrections, so Kathy moved to accept it as written. Sandy seconded the motion, which carried.

Treasurer's Report for November was distributed and reviewed. We are right on track with the spending. There were no changes. Kathy moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Lucy seconded the motion, which carried.

Librarian's Report Month of November

Open Days - 19	of which 3 were School Days
Patron Count-373	School Days Count - 187
Computer Use	Users - 17 Adults - 1
Circulation - 304	
Downloadable Books -45	
Inter-Library Loans	7 Borrowed 3 Loaned
Website Visits - 187	

Sandy Moved to Accept the report. Lucy seconded. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

We continued discussion on how to best make the library more attractive to patrons. We decided that after a little spackling and painting, the wall where the brown shelves stood would make an attractive and highly visible gallery space for the display of local art work, photos, paintings, etc. We would start recruiting talent by invitation/word of mouth.

Several attendees thought it might be a good idea to spiff up the library with the addition of some sort of window treatment. Whether this would involve valences or draperies or some combination was not decided. Everyone should think about the problem prior to the next board meeting. One of the CD's will be coming due in March, so if we plan to use some of that money, we should come up with a plan during February.

The addition of interesting programs to add to the Library's offerings is a good idea. Sandy has been talking to Lisa Seymour, assistant to the Selectmen, about a series of

free programs to benefit the elderly and disabled from "Service Link", from the NH Dept. of Health and Human Services. These provide "Powerful Tools for Caregivers". These programs would run during February. We might consider scheduling to coincide with Dewey's Café. Lynn will coordinate with Lisa on the timing.

Our goals long term are to make the Library more accessible and relevant to the community at large. We are actively engaged in doing this. Short term, we want to make the Library more attractive, less doughy.

To this end, we decided that we need to get the books that are stacked on top of the stacks to lower shelves where they can be reached. To make the space for such a move, Sandy moved and Lucy seconded a plan to eliminate all of the VCR tapes of movies. They will be set out on a cart for anyone to take for free. After one month, the tapes that remain will be discarded. For the time being, we will keep the DVD's. If we need additional space, and if they continue not circulating, we can jettison them in the future as well.

The school children are supplying content for the library's display case between now and Christmas. After the new year, we plan to use the case for a yarn/knitting/needlework display. We may want to hold a couple of after-school knitting classes, and encourage students to make scarves and mittens to give to shelters.

2. We discussed the Budget Committee's continuing desire to radically cut library funding. There will be a public hearing on the budget February 7th at 7:00 where we can present why cutting our budget would be a mistake. But the bottom line is that we will need to get out the vote for Town Meeting.

3. On December 3, Jane Chandler passed away. A gracious and generous woman, Jane was a true friend of the town of Hill and gave generously of her time, energy and financial support. After her passing, her daughter Anne gave the following letter to the Hill Public Library Board:

Dear Board of Trustees,

My mother, Jane Chandler, passed away on Monday of this week. She was a resident of Hill, living on Murray Hill for 35 years.

She had a great love of reading and books and the Hill Library held a special place in her heart. She served on the Board of Trustees, was the librarian for many years, and a member of the book club.

In lieu of flowers, she has requested that donations be made to the library. My sisters and I hope that you will be able to find a special use for her gift.

Sincerely,
Anne Chandler

Though Jane Chandler stipulated no specific use for the money, Anne suggested that since her mother had been responsible for the initial purchase of the computers, we consider somehow up-grading that system, or that we do something special for the town's children, whom she loved.

The Board gratefully acknowledges Jane Chandler's generosity and continuing commitment to the Library and town.

The next meeting of the Board will be January 8, 2019 at 2:30.

There being no more business, Lucy moved to adjourn and was seconded by Sandy. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

The next meeting of the Board will be

There being no more business, move to adjourn. Second Vote Time