

EXETER PUBLIC LIBRARY
Trustees Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2024

1. Call to Order: 6:00pm

Roll Call: Laura Wyskiel, Jenny Medlock, Kathy Corson, Barbara Young, Sarah James, Hope Godino

Not in Attendance: Lisa Wilson, Denise Leonard, Linda Tober, Kathy Boudreau

2. Correspondence: none

3. Minutes from the Previous Meeting: Approved with changes under Friends: (“one of my friends” changed to “one of the friends”)

4. Reports:

a. Director’s Report: Ute’s discussions have been well attended. Not as many coming to movies, but it could be the weather. Eclipse glasses will be available to prepare for the eclipse in April. Sarah suggested she may have a telescope to donate.

b. Operating Statement: \$11,625 collected from the annual appeal so far. Also have final operating statement for 2023. A lot of books were damaged this year (mostly adults). Museum passes were more expensive this year. Internet is a little more this year because the address we use is static (doesn’t change). \$89,543 left over from part-time salaries will be returned to the town. We have a good connection with the assistant HR person in town, so we are not complaining about the money that is being returned. We want to be able to pay the staff as they should be, and staff get trained and leave to go somewhere else. So, the library will be looking to increase those part-time salaries next year.

c. Building and Grounds: Still working on the wall and will close the building for a few days to work on the plumbing issues.

d. Finance and Fundraising: 144 donations so far

e. Long Range Plan: none

f. Personnel and Policy: none

g. Friends: Mostly a recap. Did well at the Festival of Trees. Otto pizza fundraiser in April. Will help librarians for spring craft fair. All ages magic show in Spring. Will fund a band possibly, during Lit Fest. Some feel it won't be fun if there is no alcohol served. But we feel that we will do mocktails to keep it free and safe for all. Staff said that if Lit Fest doesn't agree with it, then staff would like to do something like it on their own at a later date.

h. Social: none

5. Continuing Business: Jenny and Barbara went to the volunteer thank you. No name tags. The food was great, but didn't know who was there or what group they belonged to. Kathy mentioned them give any suggestions to Pam McElroy.

6. New Business: Laura mentioned that it is hard for Linda to stay connected to the board during the winter months. Kathy mentioned the possibility of having her zoom into the meetings during the winter months. The one thing with zoom is that there needs to be a quorum at the library for the meeting before someone can use zoom during the meeting.

7. Closed Session, if necessary: none

8. Public Comment: none

9. Adjourn: Barbara motioned and Jenny seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Next Meeting: February 20th, 2024, at 6pm (changed due to February vacation)

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Wyskiel

Secretary