

**EXETER PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**October 24, 2023**

**1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm

Roll Call: Denise Leonard, Lisa Wilson, Laura Wyskiel, Jenny Medlock, Kathy Corson, Barbara Young, Kathy Boudreau, Sarah James, Hope Godino

Not in Attendance: Linda Tober

**2. Correspondence:** none

**3. Minutes from the Previous Meeting:** Barbara made a motion for the minutes to be accepted. Jenny seconded. The minutes from September 2023 were approved.

**4. Reports:**

**a. Director's Report:** The craft fair on Saturday October 21 made about \$400 from the items that were raffled off. The weekly events are well attended, and a new Bridge game was added as well as another Spanish table.

Hope added that some parents have been wanting younger children to attend the groups with older peers. The library encourages reading for all but would like to keep similar peer groups together.

**b. Operating Statement:** no discussion

**c. Building and Grounds:** The wall outside is mostly fixed. Yeti (the company doing the work) has agreed to do the entire wall and take their time to finish by next year and get paid for the full job then.

**d. Finance and Fundraising:** The Annual Appeal letter is out. Trustees will sign and return to the library by Friday, October 27.

We need to update the finance policy. The trustees should all look at it before the next meeting so it can be discussed in November. The finance committee will plan a time to meet before the next meeting.

**e. Long Range Plan:** Not yet.

**f. Personnel and Policy:** No policies to discuss. We would like to go over the tech policy at the next meeting.

**g. Friends:** The Festival of Trees donation has a lot of support behind the theme of banned and challenged books. Donations to go with the tree can be brought to the library before November 14<sup>th</sup>. The Friends earned \$250 from the Waterstreet Bookstore fundraiser. They are looking to hold a fundraiser at both OTTO and Chipotle. They are also waiting to spend the money on what Hope decides to use it for. Possibly help pay for a portion of the wall which will cost around \$30,000.

**h. Social:** Nothing right now. Possibly hold a luncheon in January or February when they have another day where the library is closed for staff training.

**5. Continuing Business:** none

**6. New Business:** The bathroom is all fixed, hand dryers are installed and there are no more paper towels. A patron gave a bag filled with tabs for the Shriners burn center in Boston to the Friends of the Library.

**7. Closed Session, if necessary:** none

**8. Public Comment:** none

**9. Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Wyskiel

Secretary