

**Walpole Town Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 12, 2024**

Present: Amy Howard (Chair), Susan Johnson, Tim Lester, Sarah Mann, Erin Bowen, Jean Kobeski (Recording Secretary), Jane Malmberg (Library Director)
Absent: Gail LaHaise, Bill Ranauro, Kathy Nerrie

Approval of Minutes: Amy moved to accept the February minutes as written. Susan seconded and all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy emailed the report to the trustees prior to the meeting.

Bills: We have not yet received an invoice for the shelves.

Amy moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Bills. Sarah seconded and all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

Building Projects: Adam Vose will begin work on the Community Room shelves as soon as he receives the deposit from Kathy.

Shelves for the Children's Room: The shelves are in and everyone is very pleased. Jane recognized Sarah's husband Bjorn and Kai Crouse and sent our thanks for removing and moving shelves in the main library and North Walpole so the new shelves could be installed.

Substitute Librarian: Pam Rohdenburg was hired as our new substitute. She also plans to continue volunteering one day a week.

Antique Chairs: Jane contacted Christi Winmill about the antique chairs in the Community Room.

New Business: Amy announced that we will elect officers at next month's meeting. Those trustees who were just elected were reminded to take the oath of office in Town Hall before the April meeting, if they don't do it at Town Meeting.

Operations:

Tech Talks: Due to low turnout, Jane will discontinue this service and encourage patrons with technology questions to make an appointment with her or Julie Rios.

Eclipse Program: On Saturday, March 23, at 10 a.m. there will be a program about the upcoming April 8 eclipse. Solar viewing glasses will be distributed to all.

Policies: Jane distributed the updated library policies to the trustees prior to the meeting. She reported the new non-resident policy is working well.

Collection: Julie applied for and received grant funding from both the Keene Rotary and Children's Literacy Foundation for new toddler and preschool literacy kits.

FBI Program: 29 people attended the program on March 9. On behalf of RVSAH Jean thanked Jane and the library staff for setting up the Community Room for the program.

Buildings and Grounds:

Grouting Work: Jane will notify the contractor whose bid for the grouting work on the side of the library was accepted. Work will be done this summer. Amy suggested that we put the contractor on a rotation to repair one remaining side each year.

Other Business: Jane stated she has a collection of old paintings stacked in her office. Amy said we should look at and appropriately distribute them so that we can free the space in the office.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Tim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sarah seconded and all voted in favor. Amy adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

The next meeting will be April 9, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in North Walpole.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Kobeski, Recording Secretary

** These minutes are in draft form until approved at the April 9, 2024 meeting.