

Minutes of Library Trustees Meeting January 22, 2025

Trustees Present: Alice Staples, David Ruell, Fran Newton (alternate)

Others Present: Sara Weinberg, Director

Absent: Mardean Badger

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Alice Staples.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes for the January 9, 2025, meeting was postponed until the next meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The library is collaborating with Granite United Way and Whole Village to give Valentine packages to seniors. Donations are accepted at the library until February 8, and gifts can be picked up February 10 at the library. Gift suggestions include tissues, large print crosswords, gloves, scarves, socks.

The library is also collaborating with Squam Lakes Association and AmeriCorps volunteers on a Story Walk in Whitten Woods. The story walk will be installed on March 1.

TREASURER'S REPORT

David distributed the 2024 Financial Report which was given to the town office for the Annual Report. The library ended the year with a surplus, mostly due to staffing issues such as vacation days not being used. The library received the quarterly payment from the town, \$7,000.

OLD BUSINESS

Building and grounds maintenance

Nick Nolton worked on the front door, but a few more adjustments need to be made.

Policies

Sara distributed copies of a draft volunteer policy, along with a service statement and agreement, and a volunteer application. There was a short discussion of potential tasks, and issues that may arise. Trustees will review and vote at the next meeting.

Friends of the Library

David reported that new officers had been elected at the Friends' meeting on January ???. The Friends voted to purchase new furniture for the upstairs meeting room, including two armchairs, a coffee table and two end tables with USB ports and outlets.

Fundraising

Alice reported on her conversations with two potential fundraisers. The trustees will pursue meetings with candidates.

NEW BUSINESS

The Deliberative Session will be held on February 1. The library trustees discussed presenting information about the renovation/expansion.

Sara will check on signs for the election. We can use the signs with bookstacks and change the warrant number.

Alice mentioned that April 9 is National Library Workers Day, and we will begin to plan for that.

NEXT MEETING

February 5 and 9 – Library Trustees Meeting – 5:30 PM, Ashland Town Library

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Staples