

Stowe Free Library
Minutes Board of Directors Meeting
March 4th, 2022

Present: K.Spear, A.Colavato, B.Mullin,S. Gaines, D.Witmer, C.Maison Kastner, K.Kaufman, C.Weber (Director).

Absent: None

Call to Order: 8:01 am

Minutes: Stand as read.

Friends' Report: Dates of the book sale will be 7/2 to /23. The posters are ready for distribution. It will take place on the front porch only. Donations are coming in. Anna will contact The Current about cross marketing with them as well as Stowe Arts & Culture to put this news on their website.

Treasurer's Report: Operating Account contains \$33,042. Development Fund is at \$32,443. The Endowment contains \$1,215,572. We have an invoice from the Town for \$21,180 which will bring the Operating Account balance down to \$11,862. This is the final year we will pay \$7,000 a quarter to the Town for the simple fact that no one knows why the library has been paying this amount for years.

Library Revenue Discussion: The Town of Stowe is asking to take control of our funds including, the Copley Fund. We will ask for a written explanation of what they feel our obligations are. The Statute says the library has the right to keep control of these funds. We will research what the typical library/town relationship is in the state. There was discussion about giving the town registration fees as well as funds for replacement books, etc. Going forward all donations to the library should be made through the Friends.

Director's Report: Cindy has scheduled three interviews to replace Sarah. There was no curbside in February. They are purchasing new eBooks and audio books. The new website will be more seamless for patrons and is coming along nicely. Story hours on the porch begin the week of March 7th. There will be story hours in different parks

throughout the summer. A motion was made to return to onsite programming as of April 1st. The motion passed.

Photographic Policy and Photo Release Form: A motion was made to change the wording, “WWW” to “the Internet.” The motion passed.

Volunteer Policy: No changes.

Strategic Planning: A committee was formed to discuss strategic planning at this moment. The Department of Libraries in Vermont will do training for people on strategic planning. We will do some research on community needs. We would like to have an assessment of the building which Preservation in Vermont can do for us. Re: building a new building we will talk to other libraries that have built or are building new facilities. A new building is something we don't anticipate for years.

Trustee Acknowledgement Discussion: There was discussion about honoring Dick Johannesen, long time Treasurer who retired from the Board of Trustees in 2020. We will start with a notice of his service on the library website.

Fall 2022 Event: The Director and Trustees want to hold an event for the community with the funds left over at the end of the fiscal year. There was discussion about bringing in authors, creating an intergenerational book group, making the event enjoyable for all age groups. A committee was formed to come up with ideas. The funds we have at the end of the fiscal year will be used for this event as well as a Board retreat.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: The library was given a telescope from the Vermont Astronomical Society. There was discussion about circulation. Something will need to be added to the current circulation policy guidelines. For example, only members of the library can check out the telescope. The Astronomical Society will maintain and repair the instrument.

Next Meeting: April 8th, 2022 (in person)

Adjournment: 9:28 am

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Kaufman