

## **Stowe Free Library**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

**February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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

**Absent:** S.Gaines

**Call to Order:** 8:01 am

**Minutes:** Stand as read.

**Friends' Report:** The book sale is starting to take shape and books are being dropped off. The date for the sale is not yet determined but it will be in the summer as always. Their upcoming meeting will be on February 10<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for more volunteers and to recruit new Board Members.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Operating Account contains \$32,766. The Development Account is at \$30,592 and the Endowment Fund contains \$1,238,754 (down 2 ½%). There was discussion about how to continue certain projects without the Copley Fund in case they stop their donations. The funds are used for materials for seniors such as large print books. We need to find out from the Town how much is in this fund. Copley would like a report as to what the money is used for which will be provided to them.

**Director's Report:** The library was short staffed for most of January due to illness. Patrons are staying for longer visits than previously. There was no curbside in January. Cindy attended an online meeting with the Lamoille County Librarians where she learned that one library has joined with Meals on Wheels to deliver books- something we might look into. She also attended a meeting on strategic planning and will continue to follow our plan a little at a time. The State has a new platform available to all libraries re: electronic materials. The Town of Stowe is adding the library to its email system and the library url will change to .gov. The staff is working diligently on library promotion. The library received \$6,000 in Federal Funds which was used for new signage and chairs.

**Rules of Conduct:** No changes.

**Child Safety Policy:** No changes.

**Town Meeting Day:** There will be a vote in the meeting room of the Akeley Bulding and an informational meeting online, February 22, 2022. The actual meeting date is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Board Retreat & Community Event:** We will wait until after July 1<sup>st</sup> to put on a small event for the community. The goal is to highlight the library and what it does for the Stowe community. The Board Retreat will be planned for later in the summer. A committee was formed for this purpose.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Next Meeting:** March 4<sup>th</sup>

**Adjournment:** 8:54 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Kaufman