

**Stowe Free Library**  
**Minutes Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 8, 2022**

**Present:** K.Spear, , B.Mullin,S. Gaines, K.Kaufman, C.Weber (Director).

**Absent:** A Colavato, C.Maison Kastner, D.Witmer

**Call to Order:** 8:05 am

**Minutes:** Stand as read.

**Library Revenue Discussion:** Gary Deziel from UVM Extension Assistant Professor for Community Development, came to talk with us about our Endowments, et al. We discussed meeting with the town manager to formulize an MOU between town and library. Endowment bequests must be honored, and the Board agrees that an MOU will minimize the town's risk re: how these funds are used.

**Friend's Report:** Books are being donated for July book sale. The Friends' Executive Board has made some changes. Their annual meeting is in May.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Development Account contains, \$32,444.76, Operating Account, \$12,934.59 after paying \$21,180 to town + \$562 to Paine's, and the Endowment Fund is at \$1,211,895.

**Director's Report:** A new circulation librarian has started and working out well. There are funds budgeted for more investment in Overdrive. Patrons have been asking about local author discussions. The library is taking over the scheduling of *In Your Own Backyard* which the Friends will continue to support. New Parks and Recs Programs have begun on Fridays creating a conflict with library story hours. Cindy will discuss this with them.

**Selection Policy and Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials:** Add, “non-traditional materials” to the second paragraph under Criteria for Selection of Library Materials and withdraw the wording, “other library materials.” The final paragraph re: Children’s materials should be eliminated. A motion made to amend these paragraphs. The motion passed.

**Strategic Planning:** We discussed need for a strategic plan and the possibility of bringing in a consultant to help create a new one. The important question is, what do our patrons want?

**Fall Event 2022:** The Board discussed a series of speakers that focus on different communities in Vermont, examples: Chris Bojalian, John Fusco, et al. The committee to discuss this event is beginning to develop ideas of how to show our appreciation of the town. We will come up with a theme for the event. We talked about focus on the artists of Vermont.

**Old Business:** The telescope parameters are being added into the Circulation Policy, circulation for non-traditional items.

**New Business:** Discussion about offering Darla an Emeritus position, maybe quarterly visits. The Board talked about creating an option for a student member.

**Next Meeting:** May 6<sup>th</sup>

**Adjournment:** 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Kaufman