

Abbott Memorial Library

Board of Trustees Minutes

February 20th, 2023

The February meeting took place via Zoom.

The meeting began at 7.06pm.

Present: Cory Smith (Librarian), Sue Heston (Assistant Librarian), Mary Worrell, Betsy Rhodes, Tina Clifford, and Jocelyn Randles.

Absent: Susan Burgess, Cara DeFoor

The agenda and January 2023 minutes were approved.

Reports

Library: *Cory Smith and Sue Heston*

- Cory will submit the library report to the state in late March.
- Excess books will be donated to the Five College Book Fair. Cory and Sue will request help with transportation from the trustees if needed.
- Storytime has not been well attended and Liz (volunteer) has been putting together additional craft bags which have been very popular.
- There has been more after-school traffic, partly driven by events at Artistree.

Building and Grounds: *Betsy Rhodes*

- Samples of bat guano from the attic that Betsy sent to the VT Department of Fish and Wildlife have been analyzed and show that we have a healthy population of big brown bats.
- The Radon readings in the basement and the library still fluctuate. Betsy continues to explore causes and avenues of mitigation.
- The recommendations from the South Pomfret Scoping Study are due to be presented during the Pomfret Selectboard Meeting on March 1st.

Treasurer: *Susan Burgess*

- Susan distributed financial reports prior to the meeting.
- They were discussed and approved.

Development: *Mary Worrell*

- Donations in response to the annual appeal are currently at about \$10.5K. This is in line with previous fundraising cycles, but a little less than last year.

Outreach/Community Liaison: *Jocelyn Randles, Cara DeFoor*

- The green burial event is due to be held on March 12th at 2pm. Jocelyn will do promotion and Artistree paperwork, but will be out of town for the event and so Cara will lead set up, introductions etc.
- Betsy will explore whether a Moth event is possible for late March.
- Cara and Mary will coordinate on timing for poetry events (probably Jeff Bernstein et al in April and Laura Foley in May).
- Mary responded to a request from the librarians to have an event connected to the Vermont Reads selection (graphic/illustrated accounts of migrant workers in VT called *The Most Costly Journey*). She is going to explore online resources and possibly lead a discussion. This would need to take place before the end of May.

Chair: *Tina Clifford*

- Trustee roles for next year were discussed but not determined. This issue will be revisited at the next meeting when the new trustee is in attendance.

Old Business

- Sue H. has introduced Cara to the admin involved in organizing traffic control for the half marathon. Cara may assume responsibility next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.30pm. The next board meeting will take place at 7pm on Monday March 20th, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Jocelyn Randles