

Olive G. Pettis Library
Board of Trustees

Minutes for October 20, 2022
FINAL

1. Call to Order

- Roll call/ Approval of Agenda: Present: Wanda (FoL), Kim, Alex, Trisha, Bonnie, Carolyn; No one absent. Discussion of Warrant Article was added under 2023 Budget.
- Review minutes of Sept. 15, 2022: Motion to accept as is: Trisha/ Kim; passed 4-0
- Correspondence: 31 Thank you notes were sent for donations of prizes for the Lilyan Wright 5/10 K Trail Run; Notice of Trustee vacancy has been posted; the position of Recording Secretary, vacated by Eryc Courmac, will not be filled at the present time.

2. Reports

- Treasurer's report: Trisha reported a balance of \$13,757.91, and showed an itemized account of all expenses. Motion to accept: Kim/ Bonnie; passed 4-0
- Librarian's report: *Alex's full report with stats attached
 - discussion about patron computer and the need for a Tech Consultant: Alex was advised to contact Esscor.
 - discussion and motion to have a library credit card with a cap; Trisha will check into this.
 - Farmington book cart gift: Wanda (FoL) agreed to meet with Joyce in Farmington and pick it up.
 - What to do with culled books? Alex advised to bring to Violet's Used Books in Claremont for possible credit, a previous practice
 - Alex was asked to describe how she is determining what to acquire for new books. She chooses new books that are: popular, books other book clubs are reading, new additions to series, patron requests and to fill other gaps in the collection.
 - Events that Alex has offered are encouraged and appreciated. Kim and Bonnie will distribute posters for future events.
 - Mask mandates are coming back for other libraries. It was agreed that no mask mandate seems needed for Goshen at this time, but any patron's request for masks will be honored. This may be revisited at any time.
 - Alex received new information about making computer images, such as on webpages, accessible to the legally blind. Information must be typed into the computer and not a photo of a poster, because only text can be read.
- Friends of Library report: Wanda reported \$300 in donations. A Memorandum of Understanding between the Friends and the Library was accepted at the annual FoL meeting on Oct. 8. Friends have donated a 60" bench to the Discovery Park. The winner of the Friends' Quilt Raffle, Kathleen Bickford from Bradford, will

come on November 3, 2022, at 1:00, to have her picture taken with the quilt and the quilters.

3. Action Items/ Unfinished Business

- Review of Final Revisions of OGP By-Laws and Policies will be ongoing. All agreed that the document looks great, and is more user-friendly than before. Review will continue, with use.
- Pierce's Plumbago Pit program: Although it was a small turnout, it was a great program by NH Magazine writer Marshall Hudson and enjoyed by all who were present.
- Scarecrow Building: Coming up on Saturday the 22d. Cider and donut holes will be served after scarecrows are constructed.
- Trunk or Treat: Coming up on Sunday, the 30th, 4:00-5:00: Theme: Fantastical Tales
- Library Holiday Bazaar featuring Our Famous Cookie Walk: Dec. 3 @ 10-2; Only 4 solid sellers to date. Deadline November 11 for vendors. Put out a call for cookie donations immediately after Trunk or Treat. Begin a quilt raffle to be drawn in the spring.
- Collaboration with Historical Society re: Civil War Quilts—no news

4. New Business

- Library Budget for 2023: Budget is up from last year, but no waste noted. Motion to send Budget to the Budget Committee. Bonnie moved/ Kim 2nd; passed 4-0.
-Warrant Article will be submitted for work needed in basement; including building supports, drainage and sealing the fieldstone foundation. Motion to go forward with warrant article: Trisha/ Bonnie. Passed 4-0
- Discovery Park Update: Fundraiser mailing sent out October 11. Four paver requests already! Footbridge donated to use in play area for children as a fairy/ butterfly bridge, but relocation may be an issue. Will check into this. Motion to accept donation. Bonnie/ Carolyn; passed 4-0
- Glow Cardio Drumming Fundraiser coming up on Nov. 5: Registrations info on poster and website. Services provided by Ginny Parker.

5. Ongoing/ Grant Funded Projects

- Courtyard update: none
- LWCF: Notice of acceptance of future funding received effective October 1. Ground Breaking to be held on Oct. 25. Steve Smith, Select Board will act as Host; finger sandwiches and cookies will be served in Town Hall afterward; state representatives will be present; Supt. of Schools Gail Paludi and others will speak; thermometer will be displayed; Wanda will donate Ground Breaking Shovel from Twin Oaks Farm Learning Center. Motion to accept donated shovel: Carolyn/ Trisha; passed 4-0.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help clear trail! Will post community work dates!
- Lighting project update: no change
- UVVTC: no change

6. Announcements: Wanda reported that a GEOCACHE location was placed at the library in 2010. It is still there, but barely visible.

7. Motion to adjourn: Trisha/Kim; passed 4-0

Next meeting—November 17, 2022 @ 6:00-8:00

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Stiles, Acting Recording Secretary
Bonnie Belden, Chair