

Rochester Public Library

Board of Trustees – Meeting Minutes

Kelly Kelly (chair), Tony Goupee, Jeannette Bair (librarian), Barbara Shenton (treasurer), Sandy Lincoln (secretary)

Tuesday, Feb 14th. Called to order at 5:34 pm.

1. Public Communication and Comments – We enjoyed receiving a nice post of support recently on Front Porch Forum. “Rochester Library is a Treasure!”
2. Board Communications and Comments – None
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Motion to accept, seconded, unanimously approved.
4. Review of Action Items –
 - A. Jeannette is beginning the process of advertising for a new Library Director. Posted with the VT DOL list serve. Etc. Will repost March 1st.
 - B. No updated information yet on PFPI grant opportunities. Scope of Work- Jeannette is working with Jeff Gephart. He might be able to put estimated figures to the document.
 - C. Welcome to Florence Schwartz – New FRIENDS member. Sandy will work with Doreen to create in-house signage for joining the Friends Group. ACTION ITEM
 - D. Pre-pay/Prebuy Fuel – Barb will work with Kristen at the town office to determine where we stand. ACTION ITEM
5. Treasurers Report – Reviewed, Motion to accept, seconded, unanimously approved
6. Librarians Report –
 - a. The library will be participating in the town’s HEY NEIGHBOR event on Sunday March 12th, 1 – 3pm. Kelly and Barbara will help staff the table.
 - b. The VLA, representing more than 300 librarians across Vermont, has issued a statement of concern regarding the recent VTSU announcement to close physical

libraries on its campuses. Motion is made support this concern, seconded and unanimously approved.

- c. Motion is made to provide compensation to the library director for unused earned vacation time at the end of the fiscal year. Seconded and unanimously approved.
- d. The library is noting positive response to active children's programming. Thank you Maya! Jeannette is actively working on an interactive programming schedule for the spring/summer season.
- e. Jeannette is working to provide materials for the new Park House reading group.
- f. April is poetry month. Thank you to Carolyn Tavelli-Abar for her donation of 10 pieces of framed poetry to be used in a fund-raiser. Perhaps a silent auction. Jeannette will be reaching out to local poets for perhaps a workshop, or movie/documentary showcasing a poet of note.

ACTION ITEM.

- g. Senior Community Service Employment Program – Helping eligible seniors find employment opportunities in community services, like the library, but sponsored by federal funds.
 - h. Motion to accept librarian's report as written, seconded, unanimously approved.
7. New Business – Town Meeting will be on Monday March 6th. – We will have one new board member position to nominate. Also, Sandy will prepare a survey on Long Range Planning for the welcome table. ACTION ITEM.
8. Old Business – The current Covid policy of encouraging but not mandating masks is going well. General agreement to replace a damaged wheelchair in the Library of things. ACTION ITEM.
9. Adjournment – 7:00 pm.