

Rochester Public Library

Board of Trustees – Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2023

In attendance: Doreen Jones (Chair), Barbara Shenton (Treasurer), Kelly Kelly (Secretary), Tony Goupee, Sandy Lincoln, Jeannette Bair (Librarian), John Holloway (guest)

1. Public Communications and Comments – Discussion of the Friends of the RPL group. Tim and Blythe have decided to step down. We will be on the search for new members and get the group up and running again when the new director takes over.
2. Board Communications and Comments – None
3. Approval of March 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes – unanimously approved.
4. Review of Action Items – All items completed with the exception of the PFPI grant, which will not be due until this fall.
5. Treasurer’s Report – unanimously approved.
6. Librarian’s Report - Jeannette has asked local artists to donate artwork to the library for display. So far, Judy Jensen and Sandy Pierce have graciously offered to donate.
General discussion of the job requirements for the Director position. A motion was made and passed to update the requirements to include physical requirements of the position.
General discussion of interview questions for the Director position.
Jeannette brought everyone up to date on the poetry fundraiser, upcoming movie & discussion series, the need for people to lead some specific workshops she has in mind.
7. New Business – John Holloway introduced himself and expressed interest in the position of our seasonal gardener. Motion made and unanimously approved to hire him.
General discussion of the logistics for the upcoming Director position interviews.

General discussion of ongoing building needs.

Discussion of upcoming Fall retreats sponsored by the Preservation Trust of VT. Doreen will look into which retreat might be more pertinent to us and at least 2 trustees will attend.

8. Old Business – Covid status. No longer requiring masks.

Long Range Planning – Sandy handed out summaries of all the information she gathered from surveys handed out at Town Meeting and the “Hey, Neighbor” event. Lots of interesting information. She will also put some surveys around town so that more people have an opportunity to fill one out.

9. Action Items – Contact prospective “Friends” – Doreen

Contact town office to see if we can get a list of our outstanding checks for the end of the fiscal year – Barbara

Schedule interviews – Jeannette

Draft letter to SB with Historic Preservation update – Jeannette

Get estimate for window sills - Jeannette

10. Adjournment – Adjourned at 7:20

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Kelly