

RANDOLPH PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2023

Present: Steve Teczar, Linda Scherf, Denise Demers, Katharine Turnbull, Rhonda Stitt, Karen Bradley, Yvonne Jenkins.

1. Annie Colella has filed for the Trustee 3-year position.
2. Steve made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Rhonda seconded, all were in favor.
3. Treasurer's Report, Rhonda
 - Town Checking Balance: \$8,937.43
 - RPL Checking Balance \$13,816.88
 - Building Fund CD Balance: \$\$19,200.44
(statements are updated quarterly)
 - Invoices were circulated for approval
 - The proposal for next year's budget proposal was circulated and initialed.

4. Friends Group Board

There were no minutes to report, their next meeting is on March 1, 2023.

5. Librarian's Report, Yvonne

Programs

- The Mildred Horton Book Group was postponed a week due to a snowstorm and met on January 30. Ten people attended. The next meeting is scheduled for February 27 at 10:00 a.m
- The February 1st Humanities program by Robert Goodby was attended by 66 people. Of the 32 people responding to the questionnaire, 6 were associated with the Randolph Library. The next program "A Walk Back in Time: The Secrets of Cellar Holes" will be held on March 1st. The RPL received a NH Humanities to Go grant of \$350 to be paid to the presenter.
- Our "Take Your Kids to the Library Day" was rescheduled to March 4th due to the deep freeze on February 4th. We had 4 children registered.
- Yvonne has been trying to reinstitute the "Hop Off the Bus Program" on Wednesday afternoons, but she has not had any takers.

- Yvonne is also also beginning to arrange programs for the summer.
- The Librarian's Report for the 2022 Town Report was submitted along with some photos. I have begun the NH Library Survey which is due at the end of March.

- Energy Efficiency Update:

We have received 2 estimates from KR Heating & Repairs. The first is to upgrade the furnace return and feed ducts, air supply, and grills. The total for parts and labor is \$7,000.

Second estimate is to do all of the above, but replace the existing furnace. The total would be \$11,995. The Randolph Energy Efficiency Project (REEP) recommends looking into the possibility of replacing the propane furnace with a Ducted air-source heat pump. John Baker from North Country Mechanical in Franconia came to prepare a quote, but needs to have his team come in and examine the existing duct work to see if it is feasible. An "off the top of his head" estimate to upgrade the duct work and install a heat pump furnace would be about \$20,000.

-Solar Grant possibility. EBSCO Information Services has announced that submissions will now be accepted for the 2023 EBSCO Solar grant program. This year, we are providing \$300,000 in grants to libraries looking to fund a solar project to offset electricity costs. Applications will be accepted until April 21, 2023, and winners will be announced in June 2023. The Randolph Public Library will be applying to help defray the cost of the proposed Solar Array for the Town Hall/Library.

6. Electric Vehicle Charging Station-

- Yvonne would like to proceed with looking into installing 2 electric vehicle charging ports here at the Library/Town Hall. She will be attending an online meeting to discuss the topic with other libraries in the State hoping

to do the same thing. This would be an excellent use of some of the Meg Meiklejohn memorial funds.

7. Continuing and other business

- The board continued the discussion on ideas for the RPL square for Bicentennial Quilt project. Linda would like any other suggestions to be submitted to her by April.
- Red Dempster's 2023 project. (randolphgear.org). He is proposing an idea of possibly sharing space at the Old Library to host a gear swap. It would be oriented towards gear for summer activities.

8. The date for the March 2023 meeting is March 15, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Bradley, Secretary