

Randolph Public Library

Trustees' Meeting, Mon Dec 20th, 2021, 6.30pm

Present: Denise Demers, Rhonda Stitt, Steve Teczar, Heather Wiley, Yvonne Jenkins (librarian) and Kayla Demers (Friends of the Randolph Public Library)

1. Steve made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, Denise seconded, all were in favor.

2. Treasurer's Report

Town Checking	\$12,385.23
RPL Checking	\$8,902.62 (+\$500 donation)
Building Fund CD	\$19,026.89

Rhonda noted that the statements for the CD will only be issued quarterly now.

There have been issues with the debit card, which was recently compromised. After discussion the trustees decided to try a credit card through Northway Bank to give more protection. Yvonne will liaise with Rhonda when major purchases need to be made.

Rhonda presented the proposed budget for next year. Given Yvonne's anticipated raise the new budget will be \$22,152, an increase of \$3,002. There was discussion about possibly purchasing more books, graphic novels, 2 I-pads and Chromebooks if the budget allows.

The invoices were circulated for approval.

3. Friends' Group Report

The last Friends' meeting was on Dec 1st. There was discussion about Winter outdoor activities including support of the Great North Woods programming, and another outdoor movie night next Fall. The newsletter will now be sent out biannually with an appeal to re-subscribe to the group once per year. The Friends have begun discussion about revitalizing the "Welcome Wagon" - an informational package for new town residents. The next meeting will be on March 30th, 2022. Denise asked how many Friends are listed currently: 46.

4. Librarian's Report

Yvonne continues to meet monthly with the Great North Woods librarians for Winter/Spring programming.

Author Anders Morley will be doing a Zoom presentation on Feb 16th at 6pm for the library on "This Land of Snow: a journey across the North (British Columbia) in Winter". The Friends will be covering the cost of \$50.

Yvonne is creating a special section in the children's room for Graphic Novels.

5 new patrons have been added to the library this month.

The furnace was serviced on Dec 8th. The technician recommends a 3-year cleaning schedule.

Don from Lancaster took another load of books from the old library on Dec 17th. He will return in the Spring to take the rest. The prisons are not accepting book donations at this time.

Yvonne approached the selectmen about the potential for solar power for the library and town hall. Rick Umiker from Randolph is interested in the project and will collaborate with/help Yvonne. Melissa Elander (North Country Energy Circuit Rider) from Clean Energy NH will meet with them both on Jan 19th at 9am after which Granite State Solar will meet to discuss the project. The selectboard and trustees are invited to attend.

5. Continuing and Other Business

Karen Bradley has agreed to join the trustees as an alternate with a potential to taking Heather's place as secretary in March. As she cannot meet on Monday nights, the group agreed to change the meeting days back to Weds. Another alternate will be required - Yvonne will check with another potential candidate.

Covid is ramping up in the community again. Yvonne and the trustees are really hoping that the library can remain open throughout.

6. The next meeting will be held on Wed Jan 19th at 6.30pm in the White Mountain Room.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8.05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Wiley, secretary