

Randolph Public Library Trustees' Meeting Minutes for Wednesday November 15, 2023

Present: Steve Teczar, Annie Colella, Linda Scherf, Denise Demers, Heather Newfield, Yvonne Jenkins, Karen Bradley.

1. Steve made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on October 18, 2023. Annie seconded, all were in favor.
2. **Treasurer's Report, Annie**
 - **Town Checking Balance: \$14,336.49**
 - Income:
 - Interest: \$.13
 - Expenses
 - Electricity: \$44.74
 - book purchases: \$276.18
 - Book plates: \$132.00
 - **RPL Checking Balance: \$15,573.81**
 - Income:
 - Interest: \$.13
 - Expenses
 - N/A
 - **Building Fund CD: \$19,390.55**
 - Dividends paid this quarter: \$76.25
 - From quarterly statement ending 9/30/23
 - Certificate matured on 9/22/23 (APY 1.2 %).
Renewed for 15 months at APY 5.1%
3. **Friends Group Report, Kayla**
 - Kayla was not able to attend the meeting, so Steve and Yvonne reported on the Board meeting from 11/8/23.
 - The next Board meeting will be held on January 24, 2024 at 9:00 am.
4. **Librarian's Report, Yvonne**
 - The RPL hosted a Halloween Storytime. There were 4 children in attendance.

 - Yvonne attended a webinar on how students that are homeschooled can be supported through the Library.

 - Yvonne attended a North Country Training on "AI" at the Bethlehem Public Library on November 13th.
 - **FALL & WINTER PROGRAMS IN THE WORKS:**
 - Sunday November 26, 2023 at 1:00pm : Poetry Reading by Ray Keifetz, who is married to Ginger Berringer. They offered to bring refreshments to the event as well.

-Winter/Spring Series with the Great North Woods “Starry Nights: NH Looks Up”. There will be a fee for some of the programs and some of them will be free of charge. There will be hybrid presentations via zoom as well as in person on Wednesdays at 6:00pm, Galileo will be in person at the Medallion.

-January 3, 2024: RPL Doug Arion from Mountain of Stars will present a program, *Darkness in the Daytime* on the April total solar eclipse. Guests can either attend in person at the WMCC, via Zoom from home or at a Watch Party at the Randolph Public Library.

-February 7, 2024: Speaker Matt Maloney from BPL and Tin Mountain will present on “Backyard Astronomy throughout the Year”.

- March 4, 2024: John Holt, from WMCC will present on “Space Travel”.

- April 3, 2024: WMCC Maine Mineral and Gem Museum.

- May 1, 2024: GPL will present on the Galileo program and Humanities at the Medallion. Galileo Galilei, the Starry Messenger Presenter: Michael Francis, Humanities to Go.

-The Friends of the RPL purchased \$750 worth of STEM to Go kits for the children’s room. These will be available to families for circulation.

- Yvonne is interested in creating a Story Walk with funds from the Nancy Penney Memorial fund. She has mentioned this possibility to the Friends group.

5. Continuing and other business:

-Review of the 2024 Budget Proposal: The Board discussed many details and questions, and should be prepared to approve the final budget proposal during the next meeting.

-Yvonne presented a draft of a Library Survey regarding any changes or improvements to the current Hours of Operation at the RPL.

-Romik Developers is planning to complete the energy efficiency updates by the end of this year.

-We continue to search for an additional RPL Trustee.

6. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday December 20th, 6:00pm at Annie Colella’s home.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Bradley, secretary

