

## Brownell Library Trustees Minutes 04/16/2024

Brownell Trustees in attendance: Dottie Bergendahl, Beth Custer, Linda Costello Helen Donahey(on line), Jeanne Grant, Karen Hergesheimer, Sheila Porter, Ann Wadsworth, Lily Larsen(Teen Trustee), Gabrielle Stevenson(Teen Trustee)

Brownell Staff in Attendance: Wendy Hysko, Tracey Durgan

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Jeanne

### Agenda Changes/Deletions

Christine asked members of the permanent board to stay after the meeting ended.  
Jeanne added "MOU Update" to the Old Business

### Public to be Heard

None

### Announcements

Jeanne congratulated Karen and Beth on their reelections.  
On May 10 the trustees will host a table at the Multi-Cultural Festival at the High School. Set up at 5:15.  
Chessa has been accepted into a graduate program. June 14 will be her last day.  
The musical "Anastasia" will be presented May 16,17 and 18  
May 1 the SnapShot is about the Von Trapp Family.

### Minutes of March 19 2024

Dottie offered some small corrections to the minutes presented.  
Sheila moved acceptance as corrected, Christine seconded.  
Motion passed.

### Financial Report

Ann reported that \$42.78 was spent on employee flowers, CD interest was \$11.84.  
Current balance in Trustee Fund is \$1955.89.  
Tracey reported how the budget spreadsheets are generated.  
Dottie reported the budget appears to be on track.  
Sheila moved acknowledging the Financial report, Jeanne seconded.  
Motion passed

### Reports

The Winnie Bell Grant has been approved. This focuses on STEM, Maker Space and other youth programs.

June 10 there will be an Essex Pride event. River has arranged for Brownell to have a table there.

The computers had a software update problem for a short time.

Karen asked about youth programs that are often full.

#### Committee Reports

The Strategic Planning Committee held an organizational meeting on April 11.

A meeting schedule was set. A questionnaire is being designed. The way to reach the public that is not served by the library was discussed. Also how to attract community members to serve on the committee.

#### Foundation report

The Foundation had not met since the Trustees last meeting.  
This coming Saturday is donation day.

#### Old Business

The City Budget passed.

There was a low turnout for the Right to Read program. At the high school.  
There can be additional showing.

Eclipse glasses were requested to the last minute.

Lincoln Hall renovations: City offices are moving into the Senior Center space.

#### MOU update:

Jeanne and Christine met with Amber, Raj and Regina. Next meeting May 17.  
This is going to be a slow process with the Senate bill working it way through the legislature in Montpelier.

#### New Business

The appointment process for future trustees should be included in the MOU.  
Bill S. 220 wait and see.

Book sale May 25.

Set up at 8:30 Open at 9.

Most book \$1, Children's books 50 cents. Brownell treasures free.

Dottie will bring change.

#### Adjournment

Sheila moved, Jeanne seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:43

Respectfully submitted Dottie Bergendahl