

Brownell Library Board of Trustees
March 16, 2021 Minutes
Recording secretary: Dorothy Bergendahl

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

Attendees: Christine Packard, Sheila Porter, Helen Donahey, Beth Custer, Dottie Bergendahl, Ann Wadsworth, Linda Costello, Joe Knox, Jeanne Grant, Andy Kolovos, Rachael Coe, Wendy Hysko, and Erna Deutsch

Agenda Change

Aspen demonstration in New Business

Minutes

Moved to accept by Jeanne and seconded by Sheila: motion passed.

Financial Report

Joe reported \$2240.09 in Checking and \$2812.61 in the Trustee CD. The CD matures next month.

Dottie moved and Jeanne seconded allowing a simple one year roll over. Motion passed.

In the current budget Dottie reported that at about 2/3 of the year salaries and benefits are on track.

Four are running well under budget: computer expenses, supplies, computer replacement and capital outlay. Rental of equipment will probably run over budget. She sees no indication of problems in the separate "building" budget.

Jeanne moved to acknowledge the report and Sheila seconded. Passed

Announcements

Monday March 22 there is an online program "Indian Wars in New England".

Staff Report

Dottie pointed to two areas that needed clarification, one a typo and the other related to the snow on the pavilion roof. Wendy clarified.

Committee Reports: no committees

Foundation Report

Dottie reported that the Foundation Board met last month. Chair Linda Hasan is thinking of buying some used book shelves. The work on the fund raising letter continues. The board members are hoping for normal to arrive soon.

Old Business

The town merger vote has triggered a re-vote at the time of the village meeting vote. There is no clear indication of what is going to happen.

Covid operation: Waiting for more people to be vaccinated and the staff is meeting to discuss how the state vaccination plan works toward opening to the public.

Village meeting: is on April 7, 2021 will be an informational online meeting.

It was thought that there was nothing the Brownell Trustees could do beyond attending, if possible. Dottie pointed out the April First Wednesday program is that night. Wendy will connect with the Humanities Council about the timing.

New Business

Wendy showed a demonstration of a new online catalog using Aspen which is more user friendly and flexible. It costs \$250 annually and goes live in mid May.

There will be an online panel discussion of Equity issues on May 12. Wendy is one of the panelists. It will be on Zoom or GotoMeeting.

Adjournment

At 8:00pm Sheila moved to adjourn and Linda seconded. Passed

Respectfully submitted by Dottie Bergendahl