

Brownell Library Trustees

Feb. 15, 2022 Minutes

Trustees in attendance: Christine Packard, Dottie Bergendahl, Linda Costello, Beth Custer, Helen Donahey, Jeanne Grant, Joe Knox, Andy Kolovos, Sheila Porter, Ann Wadsworth, Fatima Khan

Brownell Staff in attendance: Wendy Hysko, Alison Pierce

Guest: Brownell Foundation member Dawn McGinnis

Meeting called to order by Christine Packard at 7:05

January 2022 minutes: Jeanne moved and Sheila seconded approval of the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Financial Report: Joe reported that the checking account is at \$2089.35 and the Trustee CD is at \$2833.98. Dottie pointed out that two items in this year's budget will end the year over budget. Wendy reported that costs have increased since the budget was written. Wendy will report at the next meeting the use of the \$3,356 Federal Grant reported this month. Andy moved and Sheila seconded acknowledgment of the financial report.

Motion passed.

Announcements: Christine restated that the stipend offered to the trustees by the Village can not be paid directly to the Foundation. After it is accepted by a member they can do whatever they wish with the funds.

Reports: Sheila complimented the work of the Youth Department. Wendy discussed the need to find a place to store some furniture until more Pandemic restrictions are lifted.

Committees: There are no committees.

Foundation Report: Dottie reported that the next Foundation meeting will be on Feb. 28.

Dawn McGinnis reported she took book sale room books to two Burlington organizations that help refugees. They were welcomed. Linda reported that Essex will be hosting several refugees soon.

Old Business:

Covid Update; Ventilation problems persist. No change in current library operations. Plan on hybrid meetings.

Essex Junction Independence: Charter is moving slowly in Montpelier, currently in the Ways and Means committee of the House. Offices will be moving back to the Village office from 81 Main in the future.

Library CDs: They will be allowed to roll over at current rates.

New Business: Recording Secretaries for 2022

March Helen Donahey; April Andy Kolovos; May Joe Knox; June Beth Custer
August Sheila Porter; September Linda Costello; October Jeanne Grant; November Ann
Wadsworth; December Dottie Bergendahl.