

Brownell Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Agenda

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 7:00pm

In person: Brownell Library Kolvoord Community Room. 6 Lincoln St Essex Junction VT
By phone or online with GoToMeeting, login information below.

Brownell Trustees in attendance: Linda Costello, Beth Custer, Helen Donahey, Jeanne Grant, Joe Knox, Andy Kolovos, Lily Larsen (teen trustee), Christine Packard, Sheila Porter, Ann Wadsworth, Celine Yao (teen trustee). Online: none.

Brownell Staff in Attendance: Wendy Hysko, Alison Pierce. Other attendees: none

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Christine Packard, chair.

1. Agenda Changes/Deletions – none.

2. Minutes of Tuesday, December 20, 2022 – Ann noted a typo (CD, not CN) in the minutes. Jeanne moved acceptance of the minutes as corrected; Sheila seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

3. Financial Report – Joe reported the account has a balance of \$2,192.91. The CD we believe is at \$2,839.89, but the online access needs to be restored to verify. It was noted that the financial report looks different this month. Sheila moved acknowledgement of the financial report and Andy seconded.

4. Announcements – Alison shared a Summer Swag order form with the trustees. Helen shared that she rescued a library book belonging to the Underhill Central School (not a discard) from a local secondhand store.

5. Reports

Library Director and Staff Report – Wendy reviewed a few items from the report. There were concerns regarding retention of our part-time staff due to lack of representation and around salary decisions that were recently announced to Wendy.

6. Committee Reports – Andy K. reported that we have no committees.

7. Foundation Report – Sheila reported for Dottie that there will be a book donation on Saturday from 10 – 12 and they could use help from trustees.

8. Old Business

COVID library operations update – no updates.

Essex Junction Independence plan update – Wendy noted that it is a slow process: we are forming a city.

9. New Business –

Intellectual Freedom discussion – in light of the many challenges happening in libraries all around the country, Wendy reviewed the process and our current policies and those being developed around a variety of issues.

Election of Officers – Christine announced that she will step down as chair, after a mere 15 years (or so).

She nominated Jeanne Grant to serve as President, and Sheila seconded. Christine asked if the remaining officers would continue to serve and each one agreed. The following slate of officers was elected unanimously:

Chair – Jeanne Grant
Vice Chair – Andy Kolovos
Treasurer – Joe Knox
Secretary – Sheila Porter

The Board thanked Christine for her many years of leadership.

10. Adjournment – at 7:40 pm, Sheila moved adjournment and Linda seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Helen Donahey

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