

FLETCHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jan. 10, 2025

Present: Cardwell, Astin, Desjarin, Fowler, O'Brien, Kaye, Regan, Edwards, Hochstetter

Absent: Larsen, Haldas

Call to order: Called to order at 4:07

Audience for citizens: None

Seating of alternate: None

Approval of minutes of Dec. 12, 2024: Motion to approve made by Kaye, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hochstetter and approved

Bookkeepers report: Review of budget. On file at FML. 1. Discussed Saveway charges and communication problems. Kaye to call Town Hall for alternate recommendation (Ives, Hometown) and question costs, charges, contract. 2. Fowler suggested that bills be signed off and checked when they arrive. 3. Have not seen a statement from the Robertson fund, Fowler to follow up with Key Bank. 4. Ghost account to be switched to Vanguard, Fowler to follow up.

Librarian report: On file at FML. Concerns noted regarding snow shoveling. Need to clarify snow closing policy – follow school closing policy. 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary banner to stay up 'til Aug, 2025. Beth to follow up with possible new volunteer for Wed. evenings.

Assistant Librarian report: None

On Going business: A. Add the number of Palace Project users to Librarian monthly report. B. Welcome Beth Desjardin as new librarian. C. Music, Mark Davis has proposed 3 winter concerts to be held in the reading room. Cost would be \$300. Date and time to be determined. Motion to accept the proposal made by O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Edwards and approved. Hochstetter to notify Davis. Desjardin to notify Janice Trecker. Art, Marliese Thomen will show art for Jan & Feb with opening on Jan. 26 @ 1:30. D. children, hoping for Dr Seuss event on Mar. 1. Desjardin to contact HEL to try to encourage more participation. E. Fundraising. Plan for book sale in May. F. property, need to order thermostats for bathroom. Desjardin to turn on/off manually for now. Parking lot safety lights are fixed. G. Other, 5 year plan: additional outlet at circulation desk & printer site, Regrade/repave parking lot, power wash 2 sides of building.

New Business: A. need a vice chair. Edwards volunteered. Nominated by Kaye, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fowler and approved. B. Bay State books drop off bin at Pomfret Library taking small batches of books no longer wanted by FML.

Adjourned at 5:18 pm with motion by Fowler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kaye and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Hochstetter

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Next meeting Feb. 13, 2025 @ 4 pm.