

Peterborough Town Library Board of Trustees

Approved as amended on July 21, 2022

June 16, 2022

Meeting called to order: 5:30 pm

Trustees Present: Tina Kriebel (Chair), Laura Hanson (Secretary), Karen Struthers (Treasurer), John Lawler and Peggy Van Valkenburgh

Others Present: Corinne Chronopoulos (Library Director)

Minutes from the May 19, 2022 meeting accepted with minor change. KS, PV

May's Treasurer's Report approved. PV, LH

Corinne provided an explanation of how the annual budget and process works for new Board members. Karen now has access to an online portal for Charter Trust. She will send out the statement to the Board to review monthly. There was a short discussion about Trustee investment options and Karen will contact Charter to see if one of their investment folks can attend a future meeting and brief the Board on the status.

Director's Report Highlights

- The library has been awarded a \$2,500 grant from the NHCF for a new program called *All Abilities Storytime*. Corinne has been networking with agencies who work with families with children who have disabilities and finding someone to help staff the new program.
- Corinne is preparing for staff evaluations in August.
- Lisa B. has hosted almost every class from PES for a tour of the library and invited them to return for summer reading.
- The library kicked-off Peterborough Presents series with David Baum and there were about 30 people attending. The next one is on June 21.
- The library is hosting two sessions of internships with a group of neuro-diverse college ready students.
- The library's newest intern, Emma Brown, is working out very well and the staff is really impressed with her.
- The Peterborough Seed Library is starting to come together. The library is supporting this group of volunteers and is partnering with the Cornucopia Project.
- The library is taking suggestions for magazines to add to the newsstand. They are keeping the budget to \$2,000 per year.
- Corinne invited the new principal of Lionheart Academy to the library for a tour and a visit. They had a great talk about this new public charter school and how the library can serve their students.
- Corinne recently spoke at RiverMead about what the library has to offer, how things have changed since the renovation, and general encouragement to use the library.
- The mini-split has been installed at the Keyes-Sage house.
- Corinne has contacted the landscape company about replacing plantings that did not make it over the winter. They will be evaluating and following through on their obligation.
- There have been three donations in memory of Barbara LaRoche.

- The NH Overdrive Consortium costs could go up as much as 18% this year. The library is able to absorb the increase this year but need to watch carefully in future years.

Motion to accept the Director's Report, KS, PV. Motion Passed

1833 Society Report

The 1833 Society Finance Committee recently met with the town's Finance Director and Bill Taylor to discuss a leftover surplus of \$221,809 from the building project and to present an 1833 Society Fund Resolution. They agreed to split the surplus between the town and the library. The town will receive \$92,145 which will go towards paying down the town bond, and the library will receive \$129,662 which will go into a restricted library buildings and grounds trust fund.

Old Business

Corinne talked about the recent Board skills assessment that was conducted by Tina. Based on the Board's feedback, the important area where skills are lacking is legal. Everyone agreed that it would be beneficial to have a lawyer as a Board alternate. In the July meeting, the Board will review the Board alternate candidates and make recommendations.

New Business

Corinne announced that there has been an anonymous donation of \$10,000 to the library's endowment fund. The gift will formally be accepted at the next meeting after a public notice runs in accordance with the RSAs.

The Board reviewed the library's Young Adult area policy.

Motion to approve the library's Young Adult area policy, PV, KS Motion passed

The Board reviewed the library's Volunteer policy.

Motion to approve the library's Volunteer policy, PV, JL Motion passed

Other Business

Motion to purchase an additional high-top table and two café chairs for the porch area of the library. PV, KS Motion passed

Motion to adjourn made at 7:05 pm, KS, JL

Next meeting: Thursday, July 21 at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Laura Hanson