

MINOT SLEEPER LIBRARY
Board of Trustees
June 24, 2021

Trustees Present: Rosemary D'Arcy, Martha Hulsman, Karen Boyd, Tom Kaempfer Lucille Keegan, Nancy Dowey, Nancy Spears, Travis Kelley
Absent: Kathleen Haskell
Also attending: Rebecca Herr, Gail Wolf
Library Director: Brittany Overton

Rosemary called the in person meeting to order at 5:00.

Lucille moved and Martha seconded to accept the public and nonpublic minutes of May 27. Minutes approved.

Rebecca Herr proposed a program for May 2022 to celebrate the Literary Circle's 20th anniversary. Cy Montgomery, a NH author, would be the presenter at several events at a cost of \$10,000 that Rebecca would be responsible for, through grants and donations. She requested sponsorship by the Library and a committee to assist her. After much discussion, **A motion to approve Minot-Sleeper Library as sponsor of the event was made (I don't remember who made and seconded the motion).** The vote was 3 yes, 3 no and 2 abstaining. Rebecca expressed her disappointment and left information after providing a historical summary about the Literary Circle which she contends is a Library sponsored book group although they limit membership and are not open to the public.

Brittany presented the Financial Report.

Tom moved to accept the Financial Report and Karen seconded. Finance report approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Brittany presented 2 quotes for the wall crack repair and got references for both. **Nancy Spears moved and Martha seconded to hire Jim Doyle to do the work after October 15. Motion passed.**

Brittany has continued pursuing the roof leak repair. After much discussion, she will contact Steve Hanser, who comes very highly recommended.

The library will need new library cards soon. **Martha moved and Karen seconded to spend \$935 to buy cards from the tax budget. Motion passed.**

Rosemary suggested this expense be included in our regular budget next year.

Following a meeting with Don Millbrand, Bob Freschette, Brittany and Rosemary, Rosemary and Brittany agreed to propose changes to the grant procedure to include informing the Finance Officer when grant funds are received by the Library. Brittany presented a new comprehensive process for sharing information regarding grants the Library receives with the town. **Martha**

moved and Lucille seconded to amend our process to include notifying the Town Finance Office of all grants received with all appropriate work. Motion passed.

Britany will work with the policy committee to revise our meeting room policy regarding use by for profit companies. In the interim before an official policy is approved, the Trustees will support Brittany's determinations regarding use of the meeting room by for profit organizations..

OLD BUSINESS

The event to honor Shirley will be held before the next Trustees meeting, if possible.

Breakfast with the staff will happen in the Fall.

Little Free Libraries

There was discussion about the Little Free Libraries that have been put up in our community. Martha will put one up at the Tapply Thompson Community Center which the Library will be responsible for curating.

Nancy Spears moved and Martha seconded that the Trustees will be responsible for curating the Little Free Library at the Tapply Thompson Community Center. Motion passed.

Rosemary, Nancy Spears, Martha, Lucille and Karen have all volunteered.

Committee Reports

Branding will start in the Fall. There was discussion about a possible contest to generate ideas. We hope to renew our relationship with Professor Jonathan Dapra at PSU to continue the strategic initiative begun last winter.

Space Needs is waiting for Lauren's report.

Fundraising is looking at different platforms to allow for donations and other financial transactions.

Policy will look at amending bylaws to allow Trustees to attend remotely.

NEW BUSINESS

Rosemary will provide summary of Trustee evaluations next month.

Rosemary suggested we combine July and August meeting to meet on August 12, 5-7 pm.

Brittany expressed concern about divisive concepts bill that was just passed in NH Senate and how that might affect Library programming and book selection.

**Karen moved and Martha seconded to adjourn. Motion passed
Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.**

Next meeting is August 12 and 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Dowey

Secretary