

**Deering Library Board of Trustees
762 Deering Center Road
Deering NH 03244**

Minutes of January 8, 2024

Trustees present: Chair Betsy Holmes, Eric Stauffer, and Sue Thomas. Also, present was resident Pat Finn. The meeting was called to order by Chair Holmes at 7:00 pm

Minutes: Unanimous vote to accept the minutes of November 13, 2023

Reports on Final Spending; The Trustees all reported that final expenses for 2023 have been submitted to the Town.

Updates on Board Business; Betsy Holmes reported that the library received a donation of \$1000 from the Ilse G. Traulsen Revocable Trust. The Trustees voted unanimously to accept the donation with gratitude. Betsy will deposit the check in the library checking account. There are no outstanding bills at this time. Pat Finn expressed an interest in becoming a library trustee. Betsy reported that the filing period to be on the ballot is from January 24th until February 2nd. Pat's interest is much appreciated!

Planning for 2024; The Trustees discussed possible dates for the humanities program by humorist Rebecca Rule. Betsy will inquire on her availability for Saturday April 6th at 2 pm. Sue Thomas will contact the Caterpillar Lab for possible dates for a children's program at the end of June. There was a discussion of a possible third program in August from Humanities to Go. The Trustees will all look on the website and make suggestions for a program at the next meeting. Eric Stauffer will look into a history program to coincide with the 250th anniversary celebration in July. Additionally, the Trustees plan to submit another request to the State for a Moose Plate Grant to pay for a handrail for the library steps. There are also plans to have the interior of the library painted, investigate the purchase of some new shelving, add a library sign to the schoolhouse building, repair broken panes of glass, and replace the lockset on the library door.

Other discussion; The Trustees discussed opening the schoolhouse library again in 2024 on Saturdays from May until October. Sue will email the library volunteers for ideas on library programing, and also ideas for the 250th celebration. A meeting for all volunteers will be scheduled for the end of April.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5th, at 7 pm in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Thomas