

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

Minutes of April 3, 2023

Trustees present: Chair Betsy Holmes, Eric Stauffer, and Susan Thomas

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holmes at 7:00 pm

Minutes: Unanimous vote to accept the minutes of March 9.

Vote for Board Positions for 2023; Eric Stauffer has not yet been sworn in as a Trustee, so the vote was postponed until the next meeting.

Updates on Board Business; Betsy Holmes reported that the second half of the Moose Plate Grant money has been deposited into the library checking account. Sue Thomas reported the purchase of 2 upholstered chairs from Consignment Corner. There was unanimous approval to pay for the chairs from the operating budget as planned.

Programs: The Trustees discussed the possibilities available for scheduling one more adult program for 2023. Betsy will look for programs available either August 4 or August 11. The cost of this second program should be covered by the grant already obtained from Humanities to Go. Betsy also reported that the Deering Association is willing to assist with the cost of the Junior Zookeeper Program scheduled for June 24. Sue will send information on the program to Phil Bryce.

Grant Proposal for 2023; Betsy reported that she has submitted the preliminary application for the Moose Plate Grant to the State. The State will send the grant application paperwork if we are approved to apply. The application is due to the State by June 23rd.

Planning for the Volunteer Training Meeting; The Trustees discussed plans for the library volunteer orientation meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 27th at the schoolhouse building at 6:30 pm. The Trustees drafted the agenda to include the information required to assist the volunteers in their efforts. Sue Thomas will also send out the schedule again so all volunteers will know their assigned dates. There are currently 16 residents who have volunteered to donate Saturday hours to have the library open this year. The Trustees also scheduled Saturday, April 22nd at 11 am as an organization day at the library building, prior to the volunteer orientation.

Other discussion; Betsy reported that the library department report, previously omitted from the 2022 Deering Annual Report, will be included as an insert per Administrator Peter Flynn. The Little Free Libraries will be filled by Betsy in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday May 1st at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Thomas