

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

Minutes of February 6, 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 January 8, 2024

Reports on Final Spending; All final expenses for 2023 have been submitted to the Town. Library spending is expected to be within the 2023 budget parameters; however, we are waiting for a final accounting statement from the Town Administrator. The Trustees discussed requesting monthly accounting statements going forward.

Updates on Board Business; Betsy Holmes reported that the donation check from the Ilse G. Traulsen Revocable Trust has been deposited in the library checking account. The Trustees discussed the need for new signature cards for TD Bank, due to the term ending for Betsy Holmes. Sue Thomas will check with the Town Administrator on the process. Pat Finn has filed to run for Library Trustee on the March town ballot to fill the trustee opening. The Trustees also reviewed sign options for the schoolhouse library building from All Signs in Hillsboro. An aluminum core sign for \$85 was selected with a unanimous vote, to be paid from the operating budget. Sue Thomas will place the order for the sign. There are no outstanding bills at this time.

Programming for 2024; Betsy reported that the Humanities to Go program by author and humorist Rebecca Rule has been confirmed for Saturday, April 6th at 2 pm. Betsy has applied for a humanities grant to cover the program. Sue reported that she has contacted the Caterpillar Lab about a children's program at the end of June. The dates for the Caterpillar Lab are filling up, and cost may be prohibitive, so Sue will also check on a program from Eyes on Owls in Hancock. There was additional discussion of a possible third program in August from Humanities to Go, with no decision made. The Trustees will continue this discussion at the next meeting. The Trustees then discussed possible programs or events to coincide with the 250th anniversary celebration in July. Sue will contact Bryan Terry to determine how the library can best fit in with the celebration plans.

Review of the Responsibilities of the current Chair; Betsy submitted a detailed list of her current responsibilities as chair, and reviewed them with the Trustees. It is well appreciated that she has several duties to be dispersed among the new Trustee board. Betsy has offered to assist in the transition and be available as a resource. Thank you Betsy!

Other discussion; Sue reminded everyone that the Budget Public Hearing is on Thursday February 15th at 7 pm, and she will attend. The Little Free Libraries will be filled by Sue this week. A meeting for all volunteers will be scheduled for the last week of April. A date will be set at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 4th, at 7 pm in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Thomas