

December 18, 2019 Minutes of the Board of the Friends of Brooks Memorial Library

Present: Joyce Marcel, Betsy Wagenknecht, Sue Dyer, Karen Duggan, Howard Burroughs (for the Trustees), Courtney Carey and Starr Latronica (for the library). Margot Mayor was present as a guest and prospective member of our board.

The meeting was called to order at 4:40. As we did not have a quorum, we were not able to vote on any items.

The treasury balance as of November 30, 2019 was \$30,607.81.

We are over our budget by \$4000. While there are many untouched line items at this point, Starr also told us that the library will now cover the \$4000 cost of Listen Up Vermont, since it is now considered an essential item rather than an enhancement.

Joyce told us that, regrettably, Jamie Harvey has resigned from our board. Since he had taken over the newsletter, we will now need to write, print and distribute it. Betsy will do this for January, with help from Joyce and Courtney, but we did discuss other ways of streamlining the newsletter process. We will talk more about this when we have a full board.

Both the raffle and the holiday book sale were successful (no \$\$ figures yet), despite fewer books for sale. We are grateful to all volunteers (though we could use more for selling); to Betsy, as always; to Annie, who sorted books; and to Bob Oeser for his continuing help.

We discussed but tabled the conversation about whether we should join the NELA or the Vermont Library Association.

Karen and Joyce are looking into the possibility of a summer, 2020, fund-raising bus trip to the Louisa May Alcott home in Concord, with a possible side trip to Fruitlands.

There were no staff requests, but Starr is using \$100 for another program by Meg Mott (as we previously agreed).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Duggan

Note: After the meeting, we voted by email to fund another Meg Mott lecture and to accept the minutes of the December meeting.