

Friends of the Brooks Memorial Library
Minutes of Board Meeting
January 18, 2023, via Zoom

Attending: Karen Duggan, Connie Kimball, Diane Leary, Janice Stockman, Amity DeAngelis, Sharon Myers, and Dayle Doiron; from the library: Starr LaTronica (Director), Jeni Clary (Circulation Manager), and Leo Schiff (Trustee)

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm.

The November minutes, recorded by Janice, were accepted after adding the 5:30 pm adjournment time. (There was no meeting in December.)

Treasurer's Report (Connie)

- See separate report for details.
- November balances: opening (11/1): \$51,510.81; closing (11/30): \$50,146.39
- December balances: opening (12/1): \$50,146.39; closing (12/31): \$69,567
- The board accepted the report and voted to:
 - use \$5,000 from a CD and \$5,000 from other funds for the purchase of an I-Bond
 - use \$5,000 from our account for the purchase of 26-week T-Bills
- The Book Sale raised \$3,129.

Presidents' Report (Karen)

- Thank you to all for help with the Book Sale.
- Leftover books were sent to I. Kielhe's used bookstore.
- Thank-you notes for our annual appeal are on order.
- The Annual Meeting will be held on May 17th.
- The send-off for former cataloger Leslie Markey was well attended.

New Members

Dayle Doiron and Janice Stockman were formally welcomed to the board.

Spring Dessert Evening

The event would be held at the library, with a minimal fee charged, but a final decision was tabled because of ongoing COVID concerns.

Library Report (Starr)

- Three upcoming events:
 - State reps will hold a "Meet and Greet" on January 14th.
 - BUHS student group AWARE will hold a MLK teach-in on January 14th.
 - Audubon Society will bring raptors to the library on January 30th.
- The Brattleboro Chamber of Commerce will have a window display in honor of National Library Week April 17-22. Board members will be asked for help setting it up.
- The new cataloger is Sarah Lutrell.
- Requests:
 - \$995 for Pronunciator (language program)

- \$300 for Genna Nethercott's *Thistlefoot* presentation on January 26th
- \$600 for 6 Saturday sessions of Open Studio Stitchery (S. Pesche)
- \$300 for Winter Carnival bags
- \$540 for Children's Room winter/spring "Sing & Dance with Robin" (Robin Morgan)
- \$765.49 for Children's Room display units
- All requests, totaling \$3,500.49, were approved in a single vote.

New Business (Diane)

Re: Kanopy subscription. Should we consider reducing the number of uses per month? Starr will get figures for its use and report back to us in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Submitted by D. Leary, Secretary