

**Friends of Brooks Memorial Library**  
Minutes of Board Meeting – March 15, 2023

Present: Sue Dyer, Karen Duggan, Dayle Doiron, Janice Stockman, and Sharon Myers;  
from the library: Starr LaTronica (Director), Jeni Clary (Circulation Manager), Ann Varilly  
(Trustee)

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm.

The February minutes were accepted.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was not presented, as Connie was unable to attend because of the snowstorm.

#### Presidents' Report

- Treasurer position: Dayle has agreed to serve as our next Treasurer.
- By-laws: The by-laws have been distributed to the members of the Board.
- Budget: The board will vote on the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget at the April meeting.
- Dessert fundraiser: "Novels, Non-Fiction, and Nosh" (May 19)

Each attendee will receive a wrapped book and dessert. Board members can donate and wrap books; the books can be brought in anytime and will go into the Friends room. Board members are asked to bring one savory and one sweet treat to share. More information will be provided at the April board meeting.

#### Library Report

- Snowstorm: The library had to close yesterday because of the weather. Today there has been a steady flow of people coming in to charge their devices; every table was full!
- Fiber gatherings: Last week's "Brattleboro in Stitches" was attended by 15 people. A volunteer is needed to set up the event and welcome folks on March 25, 11:00-2:00.
- First Wednesdays: Kekla Magoon, an award-winning young adult novelist who is also speaking at BUHS, will be giving a talk on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The library is requesting up to \$300 to provide dinner for her and the youth group AWARE. The request was approved.
- Kitchen and Garden Tool Shed: A new induction hot plate was purchased through a grant for the "Field to Fork" shed.

We discussed an NPR report about a Colorado library dealing with drug use inside the facility and the ensuing costs for deep cleaning. We are grateful to note that the Brattleboro Police Department has a half-time social worker, and we are hopeful that the funding recommended by the Community Safety Commission can be used to increase the town's supports for mental health.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Submitted by Janice Stockman