

Friends of Brooks Memorial Library
Minutes of Board Meeting, April 19, 2023

Attending in person: Sue Dyer, Connie Kimball, Diane Leary, Janice Stockman, Dayle Doiron, Sharon Myers; from the library: Starr LaTronica (Director), Jeni Clary (Circulation Manager), Karen Tyler (Trustee)

Attending via Zoom: Amity DeAngelis

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.

The minutes of the March meeting, taken by Janice, were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report (Connie) - see separate report for details

The report, covering both February and March, was accepted and filed.

- opening balance (2/1/23): \$74, 918.93; closing balance (2/28/23): \$69, 180.23
- opening balance (3/1/23): \$69, 180.23; closing balance (3/31/23): \$69, 761.54

We can no longer purchase I Bonds or T Bills, as we are neither an individual or corporation. However, the U.S. Treasury has notified us that our existing accounts may remain. When they mature, we can consider opening a brokerage account with Fidelity or Vanguard; a decision was tabled until May.

Presidents' Report (Sue)

- Budget: The 2023-2024 Proposed Budget will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on May 17th.
- "Novels, Non-Fiction, and Nosh" (May 19): Karen, Sue, Sharon, and Janice will meet on April 25th to hammer out the details. Jeni will create a publicity template. Board members will prepare sweet and savory treats. A non-fiction book or novel will be given to each attendee.

Library Report (Starr)

- First Wednesdays
 - The April talk on Black Panthers was attended by 78 people, and the feedback was enthusiastic.
 - At the final First Wednesday (May 3rd), GennaRose Nethercott will be interviewing her father, writer Michael Nethercott.
- Book launch: Anne Braden's *Opinions and Opossums* (May 7th)
- Tim Stevenson's presentation: "Transformative Activism" (May 26th)
- Brattleboro Chamber of Commerce's window will promote National Library Week (week of April 17th)
- Earth Day: The library will have a table on the Commons (April 29th).
- Groundworks: People affected by the temporary closing of Groundworks can pick up their mail at the library. Temporary library cards have been issued to those without an address.
- Library requests totaling \$1,255 were voted on and approved.
 - Children's Room - Summer Reading Program and "Sing and Dance with Robin": \$805
 - Gift card for Boomerang as a promotion for National Library week: \$50
 - Michael Albert (collage pop artist) workshop for Gallery Walk: \$400

Other Business

Janice's friend Connie Cline has expressed an interest in joining the board. She will be invited to attend a meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.

Submitted by Diane Leary, Secretary