

JOSIAH CARPENTER LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEETING

MINUTES

August 24, 2022

Present: Sandra Adams, Chair; AnneMarie Chapman , Secretary; Leslie Schuster, Treasurer, Melissa Babcock, Library Director

Meeting Convened: 10:35 a.m.

Agenda Review: Agenda reviewed, revised and a motion made to accept was made and seconded. (AnneMarie/Leslie S.) Motion carried.

Acceptance of Minutes: The July 20, 2022, minutes were reviewed and a motion to accept was made and seconded. (Leslie S./AnneMarie). Motion carried.

Old Business:

Policy review: Minor changes were made to Telescope Borrowing policy. It was agreed Town of Pittsfield Equipment policy is not relevant to the library and we tabled the Equipment Usage policy discussion until next meeting.

Library of Things update: Melissa will put notice in Pittsfield Post advertising what JCL offers, so far, in our LOT.

Hot Air Balloon Rally cupcake eating contest – recap: It was agreed that the cupcake eating contest was great success and participation was enthusiastic. If next year something similar is done, we will consider asking Rotary about using their refrigerated trailer.

Summer Reading update: The end of summer reading celebration at Town Pool was a fantastic success; attendance exceeded expectations. It was thought that next year the trustees could have a presence and help out at the celebration in order to show our support and appreciation to the staff.

Ruth Strickhart memorial bench: Trustees looked at memorial benches and it was agreed upon that the wood composite model would fit our needs best. The Strickharts will be contacted to see if they have any input regarding the wording on the plaque that would be on the bench and landscaping ideas. AnneMarie will also speak with the owner of landscaping company where she works for landscaping ideas around the bench.

Water in basement updates: Melissa received quote from BestWay General Construction to replace gutters, install gutter covers and new downspouts. She will contact Cara at town hall to see how we should proceed.

Homecoming/National Night Out: Leslie V. will speak with Jay Darrah about the possibility of a celebration at Dustin Park on September 30th, which begins Homecoming Weekend.

Reports:

Director's Report –Melissa. presented the Director's Report, items of note:

- Kimberly Diomede has started working and Melissa is very impressed by her performance and enthusiasm.
- A Clif grant was received and awarded JCL \$2000 of new books and 4 storytelling programs with each child attending 2 free books.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Director's Report and Financial Reports
(AnneMarie/Sandra)

Adjournment: Moved and seconded at 12:00 p.m.(AnneMarie/Leslie S.)

Next Trustees Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 21 , 2022, at 10:30 a.m.