

**Wardsboro Public Library
Trustee Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2024**

Meeting called to order: 7:05 pm

Members in attendance:

Carol Backus, Donna Fernandes, Lizzy Ingraham, Steve Herd, Karina Martin, Bob Stupp. Steve Agin has not been in attendance, but is excused due to family illness.

No members of the public present.

Changes to the agenda:

Discussion of collaboration of the Library and Curtain Call play fundraiser.

Generator/ power backup

Online merchandise sales

Acceptance of minutes:

Carol B made a motion to receive minutes of the December meeting, with a second from Bob S. No discussion. Acceptance of minutes was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report:

Carol B made a motion to receive the treasurer's report with a second from Donna F.

Bob will check on money market rates. Karina M made a motion to authorize Bob to invest \$30,000.00 into a CD if the interest rate is 4% or above. Second by Donna F. Motion passed unanimously. Donna F made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as written with a second from Steve H. Motion passed unanimously.

Library Director's report:

The after school program will start up again February 29.

Sheri Lewis has volunteered to take this year's Easter Eggs to her school to be stuffed.

February and March meeting dates: 2/22/2024 and 3/21/2024

Solar eclipse in April: Lizzy will have an event for the kids the preceding Saturday.

Annual Appeal: Doing well. The mailing list is in the shared drive so people can update it.

Winter snow clearance: dealing with the walkway is ongoing, if it needs to be rebuilt because of flooding problems can look into the cost of heating it.

Raffle fundraiser: no news

Upstairs room rental: on hold

Outside lighting: on hold, still needs to be addressed

Updates to internet provider:

Bob S got two quotes. One from Comcast and one from First Light. Motion was made by Steve H to switch from our current provider First Light to Comcast because of cost, with a second from Carol B. Motion passed unanimously.

Memorial Day plant sale:

Steve H will contact the Department of Agriculture to obtain information about Jumping Worms.

Generator/ Power Backup: Steve H will find out what size generator is needed. It also must have an automatic shut-off.

Online merchandise: After some discussion, it was decided that we will continue to sell seeds online. All other merchandise will be sold at events. Karina will email Linda Gifkins to explain our decision. Lizzie will meet with Linda Gifkins to discuss the elimination of The Friends website,

Curtain Call is interested in doing a play with the library. The play will be held in late March, early April

Budget: A discussion was held about this year's budget that will be presented at town meeting.

Carol B moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:08

Submitted January 25, 2024. (pending) Donna Fernandes