

MINOT-SLEEPER LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 22, 2023

Trustees Present: Anita Avery, Karen Boyd, Nancy Dowey, Pat Durgin, Kathleen Haskell, Lucille Keegan, Sue Nieman, Dolly Prive, Nancy Spears

Karen Boyd called the meeting to order at 5:00. A thank you note from Gail Wolff was shared.

Minutes - Pat Durgin moved to approve the Minutes of the May 25, 2023 meeting. Anita Avery seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Kathleen Haskell presented the financial report as of June 22, 2023. Nancy Spears moved to approve the report, seconded by Lucille Keegan. It was passed unanimously.

Kathleen reviewed all accounts, funds and investments, and their specifications, which are income for the library, apart from Town funding. It was very informative for all Trustees.

Director's Report

The bench outside the library is of concern, in both in its appearance, with rust and splayed legs, and its safety. Jenna would like to take it to the Transfer Station, and look into a new bench. Trustees agreed that it needs replacement, and suggestions for the replacement were discussed.

The books on the far back shelf in the meeting room are rarely used, and some contain mold. Many of them have been digitalized by the State Library. Following discussion, the ones with mold will be taken to the Transfer Station; the State Library is willing to take issues of Granite State Magazine that they do not have presently. It will give them a full set. Lucille will take the remaining ones for the Historical Society. The RSA's will go to the Transfer Station, as they are all digitalized. This will allow more space for Jenna to use for current books that are in circulation.

Jenna reported that John Locke is utilizing his experience well, and is a good addition to staff for the summer. Martha will return shortly, and John and she will work as a team, sharing training and ideas.

Story Time attendance continues to increase. There was discussion about splitting into more than one group, perhaps by age, to address different levels more appropriately. Jenna, John and Martha will consider this.

There has been a large response to the Gallery Reading on June 27th. A letter from a community member, Marie Carson, was received which stated a concern with library sponsorship of the program's content. A discussion followed, during which Pat Durgin asked if Minot-Sleeper has a policy for programming or a form for complaints. The Trustees agreed that the program's content falls within the "Library Bill of Rights" stated by the American Library Association, and adopted by Minot-Sleeper Library. A letter in response will be drafted by Kathleen, and edited and signed by Karen Boyd. The program will be as scheduled.

Old Business

Nancy Dowey presented a review of changes which the Policy Committee recommends for the following: Patron Behavior Policy, Animal Policy, Unattended Children Policy, Evacuation Plan and Procedure. Security and Safety will be addressed at a later time. Dolly Prive made a motion to accept the changes, and Lucille Keegan seconded it. The motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Policy Committee is July 7, 2023.

Copies of the Strategic Plan were available. Trustees reviewed the column, "Ideas for Action", eliminating some, and making others goals to consider for the remainder of 2023. This will help us more accurately assess what the goals of a new Plan might be.

An update of the 2023 Trustees Calendar was presented.

New Business

"Mother Goose on the Loose" is a developmental program for working with preschoolers. John Locke has been trained and uses the strategies in presenting Story Time with success. There was discussion about whether to support the program and have Martha trained, as well. Cost is a factor. Suggestions to combine librarians for a presentation to cover the cost were among those considered. Those who would like to learn more about the program can find it online at mgol.net

Karen shared that George Carr had passed away. He has been a very good friend and supporter of the Library, and he will be missed.

Mary Gephart was acknowledged for the work she has done to keep the outside looking great. Pat Durgin will write a thank you to her from the Trustees.

Adjournment

Lucille Keegan made a motion to adjourn, and Nancy Dowey seconded it. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 5:00 at the Minot-Sleeper Library.

Respectfully submitted by

Sue Nieman, Secretary
Minot-Sleeper Board of Trustees