

Minutes of the Quechee Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, Feb. 9, 2015

Present: Dave Izzo, President, Merrilyn Tatarczuch-Koff, Vice-President, Bill Eastwood, Treasurer, Kate Schaal, Library Director

The meeting was an informal one as there was not a quorum.

The treasurer's and director's reports were reviewed.

There was discussion of the news article in the Valley News today concerning an anonymous donation of \$50,000 to Kilton Library for to provide library services to Hartford residents. The consensus was extreme disappointment that an organization/individual chose to cross state and town lines with such a generous, publicity drawing gift. It appears to stem from the fact that the village of White River Jct. does not have a dedicated library site even though it has ready access to the collections and services of Hartford, Quechee and Wilder Libraries. In addition to the fact that such funds would have been well used by these Hartford libraries (funded at less than one third of the Lebanon Libraries), there was negative publicity implying inadequacy. Noting that Quechee Library, for instance, has a higher lending rate of interlibrary loan items, a discussion followed about how positive portrayals would be in order and helpful. However, no conclusion was reached on how to do that.

The director's report noted that Nick Clemens, technical services librarian, has been nominated to serve as vice-president for the Koha North American Users group. That is the software used by Hartford Libraries and the other 50 members of the VOKAL consortium. Other items noted:

*QW circulation is up 6 percent for the year at 26,115 items even though the increase slowed in January to 2 percent.

*West Hartford Library Board of Trustees appears to be opening soon with Hartford Library staff at least on a temporary basis.

*We received again this year a 50 copy grant from the Vermont Humanities Council for VT Reads. The 2015 title is *Haroun and the Sea of Stories* by Salman Rushdie and there will be a series of programs including a book discussion at Quechee and at Bugbee. Marieke is developing a "story corps" program following the NPR model to do at both libraries and Bugbee.

Discussion was delayed but concern again expressed about the drainage issues of melting that will have been created at the side of the building by the build-up of Willard Road and the high snow banks created by the parking lot plowing