

Minutes of Quechee Library Trustees' Meeting
Oct. 12, 2015

Attending: Brian Chaboyer (secretary), Bill Eastwood (Treasurer), Kate Schaal (Library Director), Jim Schmidt, Merrillyn Tatarczuch-Koff (Vice-president)

Absent: Dave Izzo (President), Kathleen Hickey, Katie McCarthy

Minutes of the September 14, 2015 meeting were approved.

Bill Eastwood's written treasurer's report was read and discussed. Everything is in order, with income and expenses pretty much in agreement with budget projections. The golf tournament was a big success, and although the final numbers are not in, it is clear the tournament raised a significant amount of funds for the library. The board greatly appreciated all the volunteer work that went into making this fundraiser so successful. The fall book-seller is on-going, as of the early last week had raised \$1200. Fundraisers are particularly important now, as foundations which have traditionally given the library significant grants have changed, and are no longer giving grants to the library.

The treasurer's report was accepted.

Kate Schaal presented her written report. The report was accepted, with a discussion of a number of issues:

1. A budget number with a 3% increase has been submitted to the town. A meeting will be arranged with the town manager to go over the details of the proposal. Trustees are welcome to attend the meeting.
2. There was considerable discussion on how best to replace Nick Clemens, who is resigning. Nick has a unique set of technical computing and library skills. Kate has interviewed a number of candidates, several of whom are excellent, but none of them have the same combination of skills as Nick. **Jim Schmidt made a motion that Kate Schaal hire a number of part-time employees or consultants, at the 5 – 10 hour per week level as replacements for Nick.** Bill Eastwood seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
3. The appeal letter is being worked on; some of the major issues which the library needs to address and may be included in the appeal are: the problem with the drainage by the parking lot door; new carpets; and renovations to the downstairs area (including new bookcases). It was suggested that the appeal letter could mention how much money the library spends on collections and programming.
4. Trustees were encouraged to look at the story book walk installed by Marieke and Kate on the Quechee State Park gorge walk.
5. Kate and the trustees are appreciative of all the good work Nick has done for the library, and Merrillyn was tasked with conveying the board's thanks to Nick.

The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 9 at 5:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01pm.

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