

Minutes of Quechee Library Trustees' Meeting August 13, 2018

Attending: Brian Chaboyer (secretary), Bill Eastwood (Treasurer), Dave Izzo (Chair), Jim Schmidt (Trustee), Kate Schaal (Library Director), Tommy Bauch
Absent: Katie McCarthy (Trustee), Merrilyn Tatarczuch-Koff (Vice-chair)

Bill Eastwood's written treasurer's report was read and discussed. The fiscal year just started one month ago, with spending in line with the budget. The town appropriation will not arrive until September. Though prudent budgeting, we have sufficient funds on hand from the previous fiscal year to operate until the town appropriation arrives. The current major budget categories (which are in the written report) were setup many years ago, and are not always transparent. For example, the 'equipment' category includes service contracts to maintain our circulation and cataloging system. There are subcategories within each category which allow Bill to correctly characterize expenses, but these are not shown in the written reports. Dave and Bill will discuss these issues and may modify the major budget categories in the future. The report was accepted.

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

1. Marieke attended an interlibrary loan workshop. The lost time in transit, which can negatively affects net lending libraries like Quechee, was not a concern for the state Department of Libraries, who continue to emphasize sharing resources.
2. The trustees expressed their appreciation to Rick Stamm for installing a new toilet in the main floor bathroom. Rick is willing to lay new flooring in the hallways, which is worse for wear after 16 years. The board approved this project.
3. Kate introduced Tommy Bauch, who is attending the meeting as an interested observer and is a willing candidate for our vacant trustee position.
4. The visit on Sept 13 by Bernie Lambek, who will read from his new novel *Uncivil Liberties* should be very interesting.
5. Book discussions continue to be well attended, but there has been a decrease in the number of children attending programing, with the notable exception of the Aug. 3 event with Modern Times Theater (from Hardwick) which drew 56 children to the Wilder Club & Library as the finale of our summer series. There was a general discussion of the difficulties parents face in finding time in their schedules to bring their children to the library. The library should continue its outreach efforts with the local schools.

Tommy discussed his interest in the library and willingness to serve as a trustee.

Brian nominated Tommy Bauch to fill the vacant trustee position. Jim seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 11 at 5:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.

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