

Minutes of Quechee Library Trustees' Meeting

March 8, 2021

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

In accordance with the temporary amendments to the Open Meeting Law, the Meeting was held virtually, using Zoom. Public were provided access to the meeting either electronically, or by telephone.

Minutes of the Feb. 8 , 2021 meeting were approved.

Dave provided an overview of the written treasurer's report. The cheque for the second installment of our town funding has arrived and has been deposited. Book sale income has started to improve as more patrons are in the library. There were no unusual expenses in the last month, and we do not anticipate any major new expenses before the end of the fiscal year. Dave expressed his appreciation and admiration to Marieke and Kate for their dedication to keeping the library functioning during the last year of the COVID pandemic. His sentiment was echoed by the rest of the board. **The report was accepted.**

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

1. In general, activity is picking up in the library, including more children who are coming to the library. A small number of students from the Wilder school are visiting the Wilder library every few weeks.
2. The Vermont Astronomical Society runs a telescope loaner program through local libraries. They have approached us, and indicated that the cost would be about \$360. The Astronomical Society will purchase the telescope, modify it for loaner use and deliver it to Quehcee, providing us with a brief training session. Brian looked into this, the telescope is of high quality and he recommends that we go through with the purchase. Kate will follow up with the Astronomical Society. It is likely that the Friends will be able to fund the purchase of the telescope.
3. Kate had a productive meeting with the new librarian at the Ottauquechee school.

Old Business: Tommy wil contact ARC to inquire about an annual servicing/cleaning of our heat pump air conditioning units which were not used last year.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12 at 5pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm.