

Stowe Free Library
Minutes of Board of Trustees
June 9th, 2023

Call to Order: 8:02 am

Welcome to New Director, Loren Polk: Board Members introduced themselves as did Loren. Email: lpolk@stovevt.gov

Approval of Minutes: Minutes stand as read.

Annual Trustee Officers Election: Motion made for Brian to remain as Treasurer. The motion passed. Motion made for Kim to remain as secretary. The motion passed. Kelley and Shelby were voted in as Chair and Vice-Chair in October of 2020 rather than April due to the pandemic. The previous chair remained in place for an extra six months. A motion was made to inform Charles Safford they will stay in place for another six months. The motion passed. Two new members will be needed to replace Kim and Charlotte in April 2024.

Friends' Report: Author, Jodi Picoult will be doing an event in the winter. It will be a fundraiser for the Friends. Attendees will be asked for a small donation. Author, Maureen Johnson will be doing an event, as well. On July 8th the Stowe Free Library and the Friends will hold an event. The Friends will pay for a band. We are looking for an ice cream vendor. The new Library Literary Garden will be paid for by the Friends.

Treasurer's Report: The Endowment is at \$1,120,603.46. The Operating Account is at \$27,399.94 and the Copley Fund is at \$26,657.64

Director's Report: Patron statistics were up, as was Circulation. Adult programs were very successful with 98 people attending 7 different programs.

New Board Meeting Schedule Discussion: Motion to move meetings to Thursdays at 8:00 am. The motion passed. The first Thursday meeting will be on Sept 7th, 2023.

VLA Membership: There are no group memberships anymore, but the Board can reimburse anyone who joins.

Collection and Program Development Discussion: Tabled.

Volunteer Reception (June 14th) Update: Everything is in order.

Old Business: Parking problem should be tabled for a future meeting. The library's website is a growing issue. We need to find an alternative to what we have. Look at the Aldridge Public Library's website for simple ideas.

New Business: Cindy and Nancy showed the Board some ideas they have for reorganizing the Children's section. This will include some minor construction.

Next Meeting: September 7th, 2023 (Thursday)

Adjournment: 9:55 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Kaufman