

**Stowe Free Library
SFL Meeting Room and Online
Friday March 10th , 2023**

Call to Order: 8:05 am

Present: K.Spear, C.Maison-Kastner, A.Calvato, S.Calvo, S.Gaines, K.Kaufman (zoom), C.Weber (Director)

Absent: B.Mullin

Minutes: Stand as read.

Librarian Introduction: Timber Wright, Circulation Librarian attended the meeting. The Board had a chance to meet her and she was able to see what the Board Meetings are about.

Friends: K.Spear will host the annual meeting on May 11th. The meeting will be followed by a discussion with author, Paul Doiron at 7:00 pm. There are posters for the event as well as advertising in the works. The book sale is scheduled to run for the first three weeks of July. An author event in the Fall is being planned by the Board and the Friends.

Treasurer's Report: There is \$23,804.55 in the Operating Account, \$31,315.73 in the Copley Account, and \$1,091,725.03 in the Morgan Stanley Account. The Development Committee will begin work in the September.

Director's Report: Meeting space is a concern for the public. There was a suggestion that all Town entities make space available for free or a rental fee so requests don't only fall on the library. Discussion about a water cooler. Patrons and collections were up in February. The library receives advance reader copies of material which are loaned out on the honor system. Cindy attend the VTLib webinar on Federal Capital Funds Grants- the Board should look into the application process.

Report on Town Meeting Day: Town Meeting was held on March 6th. The library remains fully funded.

Strategic Plan: We will convert it into a one-page summary for easy access to the highlights of the Plan.

Non-Resident Membership Fees: Tabled until next meeting.

Rules of Conduct: Guidelines are needed to address the homeless people who come to the library. A place for them to put their belongings when they are using the facility was discussed as was how to gently suggest some people clean up before visiting the library. The hope is to have professional help us with these issues.

Volunteer Reception: The Board will hold an appreciation event for volunteers and librarians on June 14th at one of the member's homes. The library will close at 4 on that day.

Old Business: None

New Business: The middle school will perform *Charlotte's Web* at Copley Woodlands with the help of a donation from the Stowe Free Library's Copley Fund in support of elderly services. A going away reception for Cindy will be held at the library on June 28th. We will plan a welcome party for the new Director.

Next Meeting: April 7th

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn at 9:35. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Kaufman