

Groton Free Public Library

1304 Scott Hwy

Groton, VT 05046

November 11, 2021

The duly warned meeting of the Library Trustees was held at the at the Groton Town Office on November 11, 2021.

Attendance for the meeting:

Trustees Alissa Smith, Wade Johnson, Jr., Deborah Jurist, Peggie Burgin and Jennie Gaiss and Librarian Jodi Fleurie-Wohlleb

Meeting was called to order at 5:36p.m.

The agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved. Jennie will update minutes for the Oct. 14 meeting per suggestions and submit for approval at the December meeting.

Budget

It was moved and seconded to move the meeting to Executive Session to set the wage for our librarian for 2022. After discussion and approval, final adjustments were made to the proposal for the 2022 Library Budget. Wade will present this proposal to the Town Select Board on Saturday, Nov. 13.

Following this approval, the board moved out of Executive Session and opened the regular meeting to the public. Jodi Fleurie-Wohlleb joined at this time – aprox. 7:45.

Annual Appeal

Prior to the meeting, Jennie emailed a draft of the 2021 appeal letter. Jodi provided pics and description of events to highlight, which were included in the letter. The Board approved and Alissa will print and mail out. Jodi provided an additional 60 patrons to add to the list of recipients. Some names may be duplicates, so Alissa will review before sending.

Treasurer's Report

The only news to report is that we're still waiting on ARPA funds. These are expected to arrive soon and once they do, the funds will be direct deposited into the library account.

Librarian Report

To counter these dark, sometimes gloomy days of fall/winter, Jodi created several Bags of Sunshine for library patrons. The bags include cookies, tea and a sunshine yellow stress ball with smiling face and are ready to distribute. Since the forecast calls for rain, that day will likely be tomorrow (Nov. 12).

On Friday, Nov. 19, the library will host an event called Dessert Before Dinner, offering warm drinks and fall desserts to our patrons. Friends of the Library and others have volunteered to provide individually

packaged tasty treats for patrons to take home and enjoy. Thanks to all who are helping make this possible.

The Winter Clothing Drive has been a huge success. Jodi said she received lots of contributions (coats, hats, mittens, gloves, etc.) and distribution, which started on Monday, is going well. Thanks to all who contributed to this cause.

A library patron donated a large supply of craft beads and with this Jodi created several craft kits. She's made them available to patrons at the front desk.

The popular Wednesday Crafts and Conversations has resumed after long hiatus due to Covid. Though the initial meeting was small, there were several new attendees. With further promotion, Jodi hopes more will join in the fun.

Jodi has spent time recently reaching out to the residents at Clark's Landing. She's hoping to make connections to provide them with materials they are most interested in and will continue to build relationships with friends and neighbors of our own library trustee, Peggy Burgin.

The Historical Society is hosting an Open House on Dec. 4 and to offer gift shopping for Holidays. The library will likely host the annual Gingerbread House Kit distribution on that day. A big thank you to the Friends of the Groton Library for co-sponsoring this popular event.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie Gaiss, Secretary