

Groton Free Public Library

1304 Scott Hwy

Groton, VT 05046

December 9, 2021

The duly warned meeting of the Library Trustees was held at the at the Groton Free Public Library and via Zoom on December 9, 2021.

Attendance for the meeting:

Trustees Alissa Smith (via Zoom), Wade Johnson, Jr., and Jennie Gaiss (via Zoom) and Librarian Jodi Fleurie-Wohlleb.

Chair Alissa Smith called the meeting to order at 6:33pm

The agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved.

Wade moved to approve the minutes of the October and November meetings. Alissa seconded the motion. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

Wade reported that the 2022 Library Budget was presented to the Board of Selectman on Saturday, November 13.

Annual Appeal

Letters were mailed in mid-November. Alissa reported that the library has received \$1870 so far from the Annual Appeal. Contributions continue to come in.

The total for 2020 was \$5745, however, \$3000 of this was from a single donation.

Discussion of Meeting Schedule

Alissa introduced the idea of adapting the Trustee meeting schedule. Alissa pointed to the fact that in previous years, much discussion and decision making revolved around lease issues. Given that these issues have been resolved, she is opening up for discussion the idea of modifying our meeting schedule. It was suggested that we move to hosting the full board every other month meeting and have the chair continue to meet monthly with the librarian. Jodi noted that if anything pressing arose, she could bring it to the board via email and the chair could call all to meet on the off months. It was suggested that board members consider the pros and cons of such a move and discuss further at the next meeting.

Librarian Report

Jodi confirmed that annual gifts received so far total \$1870. She also reported that activity at the library seems to come in waves, with some days being quite busy and others being very quiet. Final purchases for the 2021 calendar year were made by the Dec. 10 deadline and have been submitted to Lisa at the town office.

Our dvd and audiobook collections are less popular than they once were, due to many patrons now having streaming services. Audiobooks are available to patrons through the subscription we have through Green Mountain Library Consortium. Given this move to newer technology, Jodi asked the board to consider whether or not we want to keep the dvd/audiobook collection. A brief discussion followed and the topic was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

The kits Jodi has assembled and offered to patrons continue to be popular. All twenty-eight Winter Scratch Art Kits were distributed and went quickly. Wicky Stix Snowflake Kits will be offered in the next week. The Friends of the Library will be providing gingerbread cookies with plenty of decorations and icing for patrons to take home. In conjunction, on Dec. 20th, a Hot Cocoa Bar will be available thanks to the Fleurie-Wohlleb Family. During the final week of December, Teddy Bears and Children's Books will be available thanks to donations from Jessica DeCarolis (bears) and Clarissa Kendall (books).

Finally, regarding the recent uptick in Covid cases and students at BMU in affected classrooms moving to remote learning, the Board worked with Jodi to revise wording on signage regarding attendance at the library. Students who are not attending school in person will be advised not to visit the library until their quarantine has passed. Jodi will remind students and parents that materials from the library are available upon request. She will continue to fulfill requests and make materials available for curbside pickup as needed. Jodi will revise signs to reflect this and print paper copies to include with checked out books.

With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00p.m.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie Gaiss, Secretary