

Mountain Top Library

Minutes Regular Meeting

November 21 2023

Meeting called to order at 5pm. In attendance were Susan Kleinfelder, Bob Hersey, Bev Feml , Ellen Manfredi, Stephanie Streich, Leslie Merlin. Jaki Elmo, asst director and Maureen Garcia, library director. Minutes of previous meeting approved on a motion made by Stephanie, 2nd by Leslie and passed.

Treasurer's Report: full report is attached also attached is the budget for 2024. Library will not receive the allotment from the Town until end of February. Maureen will get a quote for "cyber" insurance.

Building Report: Maureen. Jaki, Susan and Ellen sat in on a video conference with our contact at the State for the DRI grant..Questions were answered, a reasonable amount of the grant may be used for administering funds, other state contacts were provided, 5 year window to complete projects begins when we sign the contract. Funds which we lay out can be applied for every month. Pavillion in rear of parking lot has been deemed unfeasable due to drainage issues and buried propane tank. We will ask the state to change the scope of the work to include the covered portico which was a part of the original renovation plans in lieu of the pavilion.

Friends Report: if it is feasible the Friends will pay for a lockable fire proof filing system to store a portion of our historical collection. The annual bake sale will be held Nov 25th at the Village Craft Fair in the firehouse. They are planning on holding a Brunch/Silent Auction in late spring, early summer in 2024 at the library. Combined net book sale receipts so far this year are \$3832.

President's Report: our 414 proposition passed with over 70% of the vote. A clear victory for the library and a sign that we have solid community support. Vote was 379-152.

Old Business: The trustees are in the process of completing required 2 hours of annual training.

New Business: New policy concerning collection development and a Challenge of Materials Policy are spelled out: Policy was adopted on a motion made by Stephanie, 2nd by Bob and passed. Library will be open until 4pm on Sat Dec 9th so we can participate in the Tannersville Village Holiday Stroll. Board consensus is that opting for free charging stations on the premises is not in our best interests. Discussion possible additions to programs include a fall seminar on medical insurance/Medicare and a self defense class for teens held in conjunction with the school.

No meeting in December. Next meeting will be Tuesday Jan 16 2024 at 5pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 on a motion made by Stephanie, 2nd by Bob and passed.

Respectfully Submitted, Ellen Manfredi, Secretary