Grafton Public Library Trustee Meeting October 19, 2023

Meeting opened at 6:01 PM

In attendance: Karen Johnson, Debra Clough, Andrew Cushing, Gary Whitney, and Leif Hogue

Minutes from August approved as submitted from Catherine with Deb and Andrew abstaining due to not being present. Minutes from September approved as submitted with spelling correction.

Minutes from special meeting of October 12 approved as submitted.

**Director's Report:** Sandi has added Robin Feld and Donna Homen to the staff. Robin to work Saturdays and Donna as a fill-in sub. Gary inquired about maintaining data statistics for library usage. Sandi to set this up.

**Correspondence:** Deb reported the lack of response from NHLTA regarding annual dues and has voided the \$30 check. The board will consider joining in 2024

**Treasurer's Report:** Karen submitted monthly and quarterly treasurer's report.

2024 Budget: Board to meet with budget committee at 7:15 following this meeting.

**Programming:** Susan Fienberg will discuss possible Reads-to-Go book kit purchase with book club members. The library will open up for trick-or-treaters on Tuesday, Oct. 31 for Halloween. Sandi asked for donations of treats from board. Pumpkin carving and water color programs will be held on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> at the Rec Field food pavilion from 2-4. Trunk R Treat at the library common 5-7 on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Friends of Grafton Library: Deb reported the wildly successful Garlic Gathering with over \$2000 in proceeds taken in. Updated the board regarding current work on grant application. FoGL has already received over \$35K in pledges with two weeks to go! Andrew will author a "letter of support" for the grant application including wording on pledging up to \$50K from Library Capital Reserve Fund. Andrew and Elaina will attend selectboard meetings to keep board in the loop. Leif requested the test pit results from library common to be submitted to the town. Deb will contact Mike Duffy.

Meeting adjourned 7:02

Next Meeting November 16 at 6PM

Respectfully Submitted, Debra Clough