

Minutes
Grafton Public Library, Board of Trustees
Date: October 21, 2021
Grafton Town Library

In attendance: Karen Johnson, Susan Fienberg (acting as chair), Andrew Cushing, Kate Coolley, Paul Vogt, Cindy Kudlik, Elaina Bergamini

Absent: George Curran

Announcements

Susan called the meeting to order at 6:07pm

Susan started the meeting by mentioning the passing of long-time library employee and FOGL member, Aime Jacques. Cindy and Kate suggested that the library share photographs of Aime and her time at the library or at other town functions.

Immediate Business

Minutes from September meeting: Susan suggested changing the Garlic Fest to the Garlic Gathering. Karen motioned to approve the minutes. Susan seconded. Minutes were approved as amended.

Cindy reminded the trustees that the draft minutes should be made available five days after the meeting, per RSA 91:A.

Andrew reported that he met with the Trustees of the Trust Fund to submit the invoice from Marquis. Other projects were discussed, including the status of trim painting and tin ceiling painting under the porch. It was agreed that this would be a good volunteer project in the springtime.

Karen reported that she and Kate went to the selectboard to present the proposed budget. The selectboard cut \$885 from the proposed budget based on actual expenditures from the 2021 budget. These cuts included utilities, media, and supplies.

Library Director's Report

Kate shared the Director's report, which showed steady usage of the library. Susan shared that she and Elaina will dive into the data with Kate and use it to inform the recently completed strategic planning priorities.

The inventorying of the entire catalog is all done after 23 hours of staff time.

Nine attended Myric McBain's history presentation, with interest in another presentation. Susan mentioned how great the presentation was, and how nice it was to see a presentation in person.

Susan also provided a review of the moonlight astronomy night on Sunday, October 17th. Despite the rain and change of date, the event was well attended and informative. The new snack shack served as a great venue for the event.

Financial

Karen shared the treasurer's report that showed 56.3% of the year's budget spent. Cindy suggested that next time the report should be more detailed so that the trustees know what from which accounts the money is specifically coming.

No donations for the past month.

Susan made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and to approve all invoices. Karen seconded, all in favor.

Committee Updates

FOGL:

Elaina presented on the success of the Garlic Gathering – FOGL raised around \$1,500 with the best turnout to date. Susan mentioned that the Ladies Benevolent Society also had their best fundraiser at the event.

Elaina asked for permission to display jack-o-lanterns on the library lot between October 29-31. Susan made a motion to approve, Karen seconded. All in favor.

Elaina requested that the holiday gathering and ornament sale on Dec. 4th be moved to accommodate a celebration of Aime Jacques's life. The trustees agreed.

Elaina and Cindy clarified that the picnic table donation should be accepted by the Trustees. Susan moved that the Trustees accept the donation, as well as its siting on the library lot. Karen seconded, all in favor.

Elaina discussed FOGL's interest in spearheading a memorial of sorts for Aime Jacques; this conversation is ongoing.

Strategic Planning

Susan reminded everyone that she would be sending out the agreed-upon strategic plan for last rounds of comments and edits.

Other Business

Susan reviewed the first five articles of the recently signed MOU with FOGL in an effort to keep the Trustees and FOGL accountable for responsibilities. All agreed that the articles were being met.

Susan asked for the status of the FOGL/Trustees newsletter, planned for mailing around December/January. Susan and Elaina will work on content.

Public Comment

Cindy shared that the new town website will be live in 10-12 weeks.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm

Next meeting: November 18, 2021