

March 6, 2023

Our Mission: to be the community hub connecting our patrons to the world.

Jordan Bramley Library Board of Trustees

Minutes for the Regular Monthly Meeting

Monday March 6, 2023

Start Time: 6:08 pm

Attendance: L. Byrnes, T. Sullivan, D. Barber, A. Ryan, S. MacDowall, K. Vellone, M. Smart

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Linda B. stated she was working on the year end report. Tim stated we would go right to the monthly reports.

Director's and Secretary's Reports

Linda B. reviewed the January 2023 report, stating attendance was up from last year and we added 45 new patrons. Mindy S. asked why she thought so many new patrons received library cards. Linda B. replied there were some middle school students who didn't return their paperwork in Mr. Siple's class until recently. There was a brief discussion about our library being one that still collects fines (Media \$1.00 and Books \$0.25). Linda B. stated the Elbridge Library seems to regret ending the fine collection and she is asked why Jordan Bramley still collects and she has replied because the board of trustees wants some accountability when items are not returned by their due dates.

Linda B. moved on to the February 2023 report. Linda B. met with John Nevin re: kitchen renovations and gave her a quote of \$37,700. After some trustees thought they heard AC/DC cranking out "Thunderstruck", the room settled into a discussion about the huge difference in what we can afford and what was presented to us. Linda B. stated we didn't need upper cabinets and Lowes wanted to add \$1,000 to narrow the cabinets down. Linda B. will sit back down with Mr. Nevin and go back to the drawing board.

The Snow Plow Day was a huge success and Linda B. sent a thank you to Ken Johnston, Jordan Village Highway Superintendent. Tim asked how the liability insurance issue was resolved and Linda stated the library insurance covered and she had riders for those involved. Linda will also take a stroll to the bank to sort out the issue of the credit card payment not posting. And, as she works to complete the Annual State Report, staff members have stepped up to take on additional projects; for example, selling greeting cards to patrons for \$.50. Ashley stated a patron spoke to her and was pleasantly surprised with how our library keeps recently published books. Mindy asked how you do it, and Linda stated by reading book reviews and knowing the community and our patrons preferences.

The Secretary's Reports for December and January were read silently with a few snickers, which lead to upcoming events at the library. Kathryn led off the discussion when we realized the Police Day and Bunny and Books Day were scheduled for the same date. She felt they may

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be combined for a “Bunny Gone Bad Day”! All kidding aside, the trustees and Linda B. busied themselves with coordination of events:

Police Day possibly April 3rd (Linda working on the change of date)

Bunny and Books for Easter (raffle baskets) April 5th, 6:00-7:00 pm

Activities: Egg Hunt by Color, Coloring Book Pages, Bunny handing out egg coloring kits, Parent/Child Reading Area, Raffle Baskets

Plant and Book Sale May 20th, 9am-Noon

Discussion moved on to possibly renting a roll-off to clean out the barn before the used book and plant sale when Darcy asked how the barn looked. Stew stated the corner shelving was finished and he will be installing. Thank you, Stew!!! We then discussed Mr. Nevin possibly spray painting the outside and we would only be charged for the paint. It was decided to get a quote for the paint before agreeing to that project. Linda B. will ask him.

Tim asked about the electrician’s work outside. Linda B. stated he was granted permission and just waiting on Matt Brehaut to begin the work.

A motion was made to accept all reports: Motion: A. Ryan

2nd: K. Vellone

Vote: 6-0 motion carried

Patron X and his ban was discussed at length.

A motion was made to continue to ban Patron X from inside the library with offering the use of the Book Mobile Services and the ban to be reviewed at the October, 2023 meeting.

Motion: A. Ryan

2nd: S. MacDowall

Vote: 6-0 motion carried

Tentative Plan for Director’s Position

Much discussion ensued and some clear ideas emerged with a path forward. All agreed we need a “bridge” from Linda B. and her long history as our director to the future new director. Thus, the possible creation of an Assistant Director will be presented to all staff, with the opportunity to submit resumes. It was also determined before we move forward, the board needs to sit with Julie to see what the library can afford.

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Officer Elections

President: Tim Sullivan Motion: D. Barber
2nd: M. Smart
Vote: 6-0 motion carried

Vice-President: Darcy Barber Motion: M. Smart
2nd: S. MacDowall
Vote: 6-0 motion carried

Treasurer: Ashley Ryan Motion: M. Smart
2nd: D. Barber
Vote 5-0-1 motion carried

Secretary: Mindy Smart Motion: A. Ryan
2nd: S. MacDowall
Vote: 5-0-1 motion carried

Motion to Adjourn: Motion: D. Barber
2nd: K. Vellone
Vote: 6-0 motion carried

Meeting adjourned: 8:09 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mindy Smart,
Secretary