

January 30, 2023

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Jordan Bramley Library Board of Trustees

Minutes for the Regular Monthly Meeting

Monday January 30, 2023

Start time: 6:54 pm (began meeting after the Annual Board Meeting)

Attendance: T. Sullivan, A. Ryan, S. MacDowall, K. Vellone, M. Smart, S. Ziemba

Absent: L. Byrnes, D. Barber

The Board went into executive session until 7:25 pm

Director's, Secretary's, Treasurer's Reports for December:

Tim S. stated we would have the three reports presented and discussed at the February meeting.

Motion was made to table all reports for January to the February meeting:

Motion: A. Ryan

2nd: S. MacDowall

Vote: 6-0 in favor

Tim continued and gave the trustees a short report on a synopsis Linda B. generated in her absence tonight to keep the board informed on activities presently occurring at the library. Linda met with John N. re: the kitchen with plans drawn and pricing in the process; Mr. Nevin also offered to paint the pole barn if we buy the paint as he tries out a new technique.

Patron X also contacted the library, asking to return. Tim stated we will revisit this next meeting.

Snow Plow Day is scheduled! Flyers have been sent to Elbridge and to the school district. Plans are in the works to contact the Village Police for an event in the Spring and possibly the Fire Dept in June. Steve and Tim discussed the liability issues we need to finalize prior to the event. Steve stated he would keep in touch with Vern Richardson at the Town.

The Library turns 101 this year and we need to celebrate!!

Jessica DeCapio, staff member, is looking to start a Seed Bank in the library. Tim stated he didn't know what that was. Stew stated it can be a very complicated process. Mindy asked what type of seeds would be involved.

Linda B. (with armored guards) went to the bank to not only deposit the \$500 check from the Friends, but also the checks from our state construction grant and monies collected by the school district for the year!

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We raised very little money on Amazon Smile and it is being discontinued. And the adult fiction collection has been weeded out.

High School tutoring is taking place from 3-5pm Mon-Thurs in the Ramsdell Room by JE teachers, Kit Arnold and Windsor Price. Mindy stated the tutoring may be specific to individual students and not open to all students, but would check with Linda. Mindy went on to say, she envisions peer tutoring with an adult supervisor with possibly using National Honor Society students as the tutors.

With pencil behind his ear, Stew has taken measurements of the gaps in the shelving in the Pole Barn and will work to close those off to give us more shelf space.

Next month, Linda will have the Christmas Raffle names and figures.

Tim mentioned Jeff. J. is always looking for Eagle Scout projects so be thinking of things.

Election of Officers

Tim made a motion to table elections until all Board members are present.

Motion: A. Ryan

2nd: S. MacDowall

Vote: 5-1 in favor

Set the Activity Calendar of the 1st Six Months

Tim wanted to “plant the seed” about discussing a different agreement with the Community Council in regards to the Fall Festival. He asked, “Why are we trading \$5,000 in sales for a few thousand from the council?” Something for the board to think about.

Kathryn brought up the idea of a Halloween costume swap. Some discussion ensued as to whether it should be before or after 10/31, with holding the swap afterward we could possibly have an ugly holiday sweater swap. Stew added he only wears his antlers every few years prior to shedding them, which brought some levity to a long meeting. In the end, it was decided to keep thinking about the best time for this type of event.

The trustees moved on to the Plant/Book Sale with Ashley stating the two should occur at the same time. Mindy agreed and stated Stew was on fire with his tutorials. Kathryn asked how soon we should advertise. Stew stated the sale date should be May 18th with Memorial Day on the 27th this year. Tim said we need to get through the Easter basket raffles first.

Ever handy with his calendar, Stew stated Easter is on April 9th, so we could have the Easter Bunny and raffle basket event on the Wednesday prior (4/5). Ashley chimed in and said we

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could do another storyboard walk around the community room. Mindy agreed and said it would go well with the egg salad that is made during the egg rolling race! FYI, plastic eggs will be rolled this year!

Tim stated the board would visit the start of the 5 year plan next month. He then asked if any member had anything more to address tonight.

Tim made a motion to adjourn:

Motion: A. Ryan

2nd: K. Vellone

Vote: 5-1 in favor (Steve wanted it recorded he was the Nay vote)

Adjourned: 7:56 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mindy Smart
Secretary