

DOROTHY ALLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TRUSTEE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 15, 2018

UNAPPROVED

Present: Karla Karstens, Steve Perkins, Charity Clark, Barbara Mieder; librarian Marti Fiske.

Absent: Diane Downer, Jude Hersey, Brian Goodwin

Secretary's report: The corrected secretary's report was approved.

Treasurer's report: Karla Karstens reported no new major transactions.

Friends of the Library report:

- The existing slate of officers was proposed for election at the next meeting.
- Their program on October 13 called "The Future is Now" had very poor attendance which was unfortunate as the program was excellent.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on November 5.

Budget report:

- The target is 25% and everything looks good.
- The Trustees are scheduled to meet with the Selectboard on November 5 for their annual meeting for improved communications. The meeting to present next year's operating budget will occur in late December or early January.

Staff report: There was no staff report this month.

Librarian's report:

- Statistics: The statistics for August and September, 2018, were discussed. The August statistics were skewed due to the eclipse in August, 2017. The September statistics showed the first use of the new service *Hoopla*.

Old business:

- A. Strategic plan:** The staff used their in-service day on October 9 to go over the library's focus for the next five years. This included a discussion of a partnership with the Recreation Department and the possibility of a multi-use building for the community. A lively discussion ensued among the Trustees as to the impact this might have on library services and whether this is the direction that the Trustees wish to take. The Trustees postponed further discussion until the next Board meeting when more Trustees are present.
- B. Operating budget:** A motion was made and approved to forward the operating budget to the Selectboard.
- C. Trustee self-evaluation:** The Trustees discussed the results of the Trustee self-evaluation. No definite Board goals were set but all Trustees were encouraged to take part in professional development activities and attend more library programs.

New business:

Charity Clark noted that the library should use the state-approved designation of *Indigenous People's Day* instead of *Columbus Day* in future years.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Next meeting: November 19, 2018, at 7 p.m.