



Milton Free Public Library

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Trustees Minutes

August 3, 2022

Roll Call Attendance: Trustees; Nancy Drew, Miranda Myhre, Anne Nute, Alternate Larry Brown, Library Employee Ruth Gutman and Library Director, Betsy Baker were present. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson Anne Nute.

Approval of Minutes. The Minutes of the July 14, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved. Anne Nute moved, seconded by Miranda Myhre that the minutes be accepted and placed on file in the library. All in favor. Motion carried. Anne Nute, aye; Nancy Drew, aye; Miranda Myhre, aye.

Librarian's Report: Library Director Betsy Baker presented the librarian's report for the month of August. Betsy added that the summer reading program has been a lot of fun. Twenty-eight children have participated to date. Betsy credited Kayla and May for the success of this year's summer reading program. Miranda Myhre moved to approved the Librarian's Report, Anne Nute seconded. All in favor, the motion carried. Nancy Drew, aye; Randy Myhre Myhre, aye; Anne Nute, aye. The Trustees recommended that the August 3rd report be placed on file with the minutes in the library office.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Miranda Myhre presented the July statement. The beginning balance on July 1, 2022 was \$917.06; interest received, \$.01. There was a deposit of \$31.00 from the guilt jar. There were no checks written. Director Betsy gave \$29 (\$4 from the guilt jar, and \$25 non-resident fee) to Miranda. It was double counted and will be reflected in the August bank statement and treasurer's report. The ending balance on July 31, 2022 is \$948.07. Nancy Drew moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Anne Nute seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried. Anne Nute, aye; Nancy Drew, aye; Miranda Myhre, aye. The checking account register was returned to Treasurer Miranda by Betsy Baker, after having been reviewed by the town auditors.

Library Reopening Discussion: The reopening of the library continues to remain at status quo. The trustees agreed that there is no need to keep this topic for discussion on the meeting agenda.

RSA 202-A: Rules that govern libraries general discussion and NHTLA recommendations regarding budget and employee status. Director Betsy explained to those present her concerns regarding budget preparation for the year 2023. She also said that employee raises, as agreed to by passage of the 2022 library budget by the vote of the town scheduled to begin on July 1, are not being honored. A very lengthy discussion ensued.

It was decided that Chairperson Anne, and Library Director Betsy will attend a Budget Finance Workshop on August 9, 2022, in Concord, put on by the NH Library Trustees Association. The presentation will focus on "Building on knowledge of NH RSAs. The topic of discussion will focus on the interactions and responsibilities of the Town Select Board, Budget Committee and the Library Trustees in preparing and obtaining approval of the annual budget. Betsy sent a copy of the workshop invitation to the Town Manager. Specific questions were developed for Anne and Betsy to get necessary, legal information on how to proceed with preparing the 2023 budget for the Milton Free Public Library.

Listening to the Employees: Two employees were present and shared their disappointment regarding the pay raises that were approved in the 2022 budget and scheduled to begin in July, 2022. The trustees expressed deep concern that library employees be treated with respect and recognized their dedication and commitment to the Milton Free Public Library during the past two years.

Other Business:

The next meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2022; 2:00 pm, at the Milton Free Public Library in Milton Mills.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm. moved by Miranda Myhre, seconded by Anne Nute. All in favor, the motion carried. Anne Nute. aye; Nancy Drew, aye; Miranda Myhre, aye.

Anne Nute

Miranda Myhre

Nancy Drew