

Fair Haven Free Library
Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2023

In attendance: Judy Gevry, Chris Sheldon, Ron Stack, Ceil Hunt, Thom Brusco and Carol Scott

Judy called the meeting to order at 7:02PM

The Secretary's Report from the March 15, 2023, meeting was reviewed. Chris moved to accept the minutes as read. Thom seconded. Motion carried.

Chris passed out copies of the Treasurer's Report. Chris noted that not only do we need to put in the minutes when a new treasurer is elected, we also have to report that the former treasurer resigned the position. Judy and Chris also went to open a new account at the M&T Bank, depositing \$30,000. These funds are from the Memorial Account and the account will be called the Memorial Fund Account.

As of March 31, 2023, our account balances are as follows:

Checking Account: \$52,232.43

Balances in the 3 CD accounts: \$26,427.70; \$4295.24; and \$39,729.03

Total income to date for fiscal year is \$69,642.55 and includes town funding, grants and interest earned.

Ceil moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ron seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Librarian's Report

- Ten Book Club members met to discuss The Marsh Queen on March 13th over Zoom.
- Automation project continues. Our totals at the end of March were 1286 patrons and 16,947 books entered in the system. In March we added 4 patrons. We also added 51 items to the system and discarded 0.
- The Take and Make for March was a "Be Kind" Horton figure. We distributed 60 of them.
- The town of Fair Haven has decided to discontinue posting the library minutes on the town web page. We are now posting them on the library web site, and we keep a notebook of minutes in the Vermont Room.
- The Friends held a "by donation" Book Sale on Saturday March 26th. The sale made \$185 downstairs and \$20 upstairs. The Friends held a Wednesday night Book Sale on April 12th. That sale made \$58. The next Book Sale is Saturday April 29th.
- The Art Club met in the library meeting room on Monday April 3rd. Twenty-five people attended.
- The Historical Society met in the library on April 17th. Seven people attended.
- State Reports were submitted and accepted on April 7th. The deadline had been extended until April 14th,

- J & R Sprinkler checked the system on Friday April 14th. They will send us a report. We are currently in violation and will need to do some upgrades after we receive the report. We will need to do upgrades to the sprinkler system. The system is twenty years old, and the system needs drained, and heads need replaced. There are two options for replacing these heads. The first option is to replace all sixty heads at \$80-\$100 per head. The second option is to send a sample of four heads and if they pass, the heads will serve us another ten years. We will begin the work updating the system once we receive the final inspection report.
- Mary Kay is working on summer programming. Southern Vermont History Museum will do a program here on Tuesday August 1st. The cost of the program will be shared between the \$300 summer grant and the Friends of the Library.
- Margaret Quinn organized a literacy night at the Grade School. The library provided bookmarks and applications for library cards.
- The Friends of the Library purchased a new rug for our entry which says Welcome to the Fair Haven Library. We also have a new rug coming for the top of the stairs.
- Terri took our Chris Van Dusen books to have the author sign them. He did a cute little drawing on the inside of each book.
- The Take and Make for May will be a sunflower planting kit.

Our next meeting will be May 17, 2023.

Ceil moved to adjourn at 7:38PM. Thom seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ceil Hunt, Secretary