

Fair Haven Free Library
Monthly Board Meeting
February 5, 2025

Present: Chris Sheldon, Ceil Hunt, Paul Patten, Judy Gevry, Ron Stack and Carol Scott
PEG TV video recorded the meeting which was also on Zoom.

Judy called the meeting to order at 6:00PM at the library.

Chris moved to accept the minutes of the January minutes as written. Ron seconded. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was distributed and reviewed. Chris met with our bookkeeper to discuss the questions we had about encumbered funds. The funds from 2024 have been taken out and appropriated as directed. Chris also took out the money to pay the Internet bill from the grant funds for Internet access. The bill did go up \$10 per month so it is now \$158.40 per month for Fidium. Chris will contact the M&T Bank about the CDs and current interest rates. The CDs are coming due at the end of the month.

Current balances as of Jan. 31, 2025

Checking account \$61,438.80

CD 9029 \$27,573.86

CD 9011 \$4,481.59

Memorial MM \$31,212.57

Memorial CS 5608 \$14,014.59

Community Bank Savings from grant for Internet access \$12, 653.43

Ceil moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Paul seconded. Motion carried.

Carol gave the Librarian's Report

- Carol shared that circulation was down in person and online
- Genealogy Club met on January 3rd. Two people attended.
- Art Club used the Hyde Room on January 6th. Ten people attended.
- 10 Book Club members met on Zoom Monday January 13th to discuss Remarkably Bright Creatures.
- The Friends of the Library held a meeting on Wednesday January 15th. They discussed setting book sales and programs. The Friends also voted to have an apron raffle-\$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be on March 17th. Apron is on display in the circulation area.
- The Take and Make for January was a snowman. 30 were distributed.
- Card Making program on Saturday January 25th was well received. Many positive comments. 21 people participated.
- State Reports were submitted on January 25th. The deadline had been extended until January 27th. The majority of our statistics were higher than last year including circulation, ILLs, number of programs. It is interesting to note that we circulated almost 1600 digital audiobooks and 900 e-books this year. We handed out 492 Take and Make projects, over 250 pairs of eclipse glasses and 160 free COVID tests to our community members.

- Lots of house cleaning this month. The shelves under the bookcases in the Reading Room have been cleaned out. Fiction, mysteries and large print books have been weeded. Thank you to Karen, Cathy and Joy for working on these projects. Carol related that books are weeded when they have not been taken out for 5 years or if the book is in poor condition
- Door- Ron contacted Richard Coombs twice, he has not gotten back to him yet.
- There are two companies who do sprinkler inspections, Fire Tech in Colchester and Green Mountain Sprinkler in Milton. Both will charge about \$500. Ron moved to contact Green Mountain Sprinkler to do our inspection. Ceil seconded. Motion carried.
- The lift inspection is due to be done in February, and the State will be out in March for their lift inspection to certify the lift.
- No word on grant opportunities.
- Carol announced again her retirement. There are currently three libraries looking for librarians. Carol will work up a job description for March.
- The Board talked about the upcoming Town Meeting. Chris will share at the pre-town meeting about the library and field any questions. Chris will update on the status of the masonry work needed and that we will be getting a new librarian.
- Next meeting will be March 5, 2025

Ceil moved to adjourn at 7PM. Chris seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Ceil Hunt