

**Fair Haven Free Library**  
**Monthly Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 5, 2025**

Meeting live and via Zoom

Present: Judy Gevry, Chris Sheldon, Ron Stack, Paul Patten, Ceil Hunt and Carol Scott. Steven Wilson from PEG TV taped the session. No one attended via Zoom.

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

Chris moved to accept the Secretary's meeting as written. Motion seconded by Ron. Motion carried.

Chris distributed the Treasurer's Report. The CDs that came due were renewed for 12 months at 3.49%.

Balances as of February 28, 2025

CD 9029	\$27,573.86
CD 9011	\$4,481.59
Money Mkt	\$31,212.57
Memorial	\$14,460.78
Community Bank	\$12,653.43

Ceil reported that she sent in a letter of intent to apply for a federal grant. The Board discussed how much money we have that can be used should the grant require matching funds. The Board has \$25,000 in encumbered funds for the project. Other funds can be used from the memorial account which is \$14,000. Federal grant funding takes time and often the cost of the project increases.

Ceil moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Ron seconded. Motion carried.

Librarian's Report

- Genealogy Club met on February 7th. Three people attended.
- Art Club used the Hyde Room on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thirteen people attended. Carol shared that the Hyde Room can only be used when the library is open or if one of the members of the Board is responsible. For example, Ceil takes responsibility for the building when Art Club meets. The room is not available if a group from the library is using the room.
- 10 Book Club members met on Zoom Monday February 10th to discuss Hello Beautiful.
- Benson Book Club borrowed one of our book sets this month.
- John Laramie shoveled the roof on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, February 10<sup>th</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Take and Make for February was a heart mobile. 30 were distributed.
- Carol called Xfinity about a \$1.12 bill they sent us and had the account cancelled on February 10<sup>th</sup>. It took several hours, but we hope that the account is now closed.
- Called First Light on February 10<sup>th</sup> about the status of our credit which we still have not received. On November 19<sup>th</sup> when Carol called, they said we would have our check in 6 weeks. This time they said the order is in but not processed yet.

- This month we received our check for the courier grant for this year.
- We have been processing the weeded books and putting them into the book sale this month. Additionally, the picture books and westerns have been weeded.
- Access Mobility was here on February 28<sup>th</sup> to do yearly maintenance on the lift.
- Upcoming events in March include a visit from the Roaming Gnome on March 11<sup>th</sup>, J.P. Murphy Band at 6:30 pm on March 13<sup>th</sup> and Friends Apron raffle until March 17th
- Carol distributed copies of the job description for the librarian. She hopes that a new person will be in place by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Judy, Ceil, Chris and Ron will meet on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 9AM to come up with an ad. We will place an ad in several different places including the VT Dept. of Libraries, the Town Office, Library Website, Rutland Herald and local papers.
- Ron talked to Richard Coombs who will make the door for \$1,200.00. This is the lowest bid, coming in at about 10% of what the other bids sent from Portland and Royal Glass. Richard will do the work using the glass already in place and making a new door. Ron will help him install the door. Ceil moved to have Richard Coombs make the door and install it. Motion seconded by Chris. Our next project is leveling out the asphalt pitch in front of the doorway.
- Grant opportunities from the Dept. of Libraries are not out, but we continue to watch for them.
- We got a call from our old sprinkler company which is under new management. We told them we had changed companies. We awarded the inspection to Green Mountain Sprinkler at last month's meeting.
- Ceil asked if we would be purchasing anything in memory of long-time volunteer and library supporter, Marie Aitchison. Carol reported that we will buy a book on plants. Marie took care of the plants in the library. Ceil will contact Will Dodge to see where we can send sympathy cards to the family.
- The library budget passed 380-96.
- Next meeting will be April 2, 2025

Respectfully submitted,  
Ceil Hunt, Secretary