

Bethlehem Public Library Trustee Minutes – January 11th, 2021

Members Present: Doug Harman, Nora Clark, Tana LeClair, Barbara Szeidler, Lisa Ffrench, Len Grubbs, Mike Culver, Sara Plumley

Librarian Present: Laura Clerkin

Meeting Commenced at 7:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Nora to accept the minutes as written; it was seconded by Mike. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The end of year report for 2020 shows the library budget as favorable by ~\$3,000. A motion was made to accept the report as written; the motion passed unanimously. The library will be returning \$1,400 to the town.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

A warrant article has been drafted. A motion was made by Barbara to accept the draft as written; the motion was seconded by Sara and passed unanimously. This will be presented to the Board of Selectmen.

Committees

HR - Nothing to report.

Finance – Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Nothing to report.

Technology – It was mentioned that there is a new Internet provider option in town (Netafy), in case this at some point becomes of interest to the library.

Bylaws and Policies – Nothing to report.

Librarian's Report

A donation of \$200 was made to the library in the month of January. Barbara made a motion to accept the donation; this was seconded by Len. The motion passed unanimously.

Tana, Nora, and Sara are up for reelection this year. They should declare their intention to run again at town hall by the end of January. Laura will verify this at a later time. There is talk that deliberative sessions and voting will be postponed until July.

Staff retraining started today (1/11/2021).

Laura reminded Trustees that the Budget Hearing is Monday, January 18 at 6pm. She will send the Zoom login information to the Trustees.

Laura received an email asking that the library host a Little Free Pantry, similar to the one at the Congregational Church in Littleton. The library would have no responsibility for this, as it would be run by volunteers. The library is a central accessible spot for leaving donations and picking up food. The discussion included concerns about animal issues and liability since the library is on town-owned property. Trustees felt placing it at the Town Building would be a better option. Laura will respond to the email and decline.

Len made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. The motion was seconded and accepted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Tana LeClair