

## Brown Public Library Board of Trustees

### Minutes – 2/17/26

Present: Maryann Beaupre (President, Chair), John Stevens (Treasurer), Dale Kunkel (assistant Treasurer), Tossy Garrett (Secretary taking minutes), Sherri Brickey (Director), Gail Hall (MAL). Attending Remotely: Kelly Murch (MAL), Denise MacMartin (VP). Guest: Margaret Snelgrove

**4:03- Meeting Called to Order (Maryann), Agenda review.** No additions or changes to the agenda.

**4:04- Previous Minutes (Tossy).** Dale moved to accept the minutes of the January meeting, Gail seconded; voted & approved.

**4:05- Treasurer's report (John).** Dale reported that January was pretty normal. A couple more annual appeal checks came in. Maryann asked if we are following our budget pretty well, and Dale said we are. Gail moved to accept the report, Tossy seconded. Voted and approved.

**4:07- Librarian's Report (Sherri).** Sherri reviewed her report- we had 16 new patrons in January. The kitchen faucet was broken (the sprayer was leaking when the faucet was used) and Delary's came and repaired it quickly. Poetry readings are ongoing, and the watercolor class has restarted with a waiting list. The silent book club is also still happening. Sherri had asked VT Humanities to schedule a speaker to come, but they are no longer scheduling speakers due to budget cuts. She has started researching donations for our Spring Seed Catalog. The youth programming has also been busy.

#### 4:12- Old Business:

- 1. Community Room Chairs-** Sherri found a folding chair on Amazon that has an 18" seat, we agreed that sounds good. John will order a couple to see if they will work before ordering more.
- 2. RB Tec Update-** John reported that RB Tech will install the new computers on March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 3. Outdoor light-** Aaron Roux ordered a switch, but until then a section of lights stay on in the library. He was looking for the pole for the outside lights that came down, and will need it.
- 4. Air Circulation and Heat-** Sherri tried to turn the air circulator on during one of the programs in the community room and it didn't work. She will give the service company a call to see what we can do about this.
- 5. Ceiling Tiles-** the town has not replaced all the tiles that are needed- they replaced one, but not the others. John will check with Charlie about this.
- 6. Tom Davis Roof Update-** Tom sent Maryann an email wanting someone to be a mediator between us and the Preservation Trust. He will represent the town, and he is asking for someone from the library. Sherri will email him to follow up on this, and what is expected of this person and also to get an update on the report and what needs to happen going forward.

#### 4:22- New Business

- 1. Trustee's Calendar-** the last one we have is from 2015, we need to revise this. We went month by month and reviewed/revise.
- 2. Patron Request for Front Step Modification-** Sherri reported that a patron is losing their eyesight, and finds the steps difficult to see. We think putting a visible stripe at the steps would be a good idea. John has a 5 foot grippy striped adhesive strip at home and will bring it in for us to see.
- 3. We reviewed how someone who wants to join the board (for the benefit of Margaret) might do that.** Before the election you can get support for a 30-vote write-in, or after the

election the board can vote on a candidate to appoint. Margaret asked about the details of a write-in candidate.

4. **Volunteer Appreciation Event-** we discussed ideas to do at the event. We will keep this in mind and find an activity to plan.

**4:57- Other business:**

**4:57- Public Comment:** no public present.

**4:57- Executive Session:** none

**4:58** – John moved to adjourn the meeting, Dale seconded; voted & moved. Meeting adjourned.