

Brown Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes - 3/19/24

Present: Maryann Beaupre (President, Chair), John Stevens (Treasurer), Tossy Garrett (Secretary taking minutes), Sherri Brickey (Director), Denise MacMartin (MAL), Kelli Sutton-Bosley (MAL). Dale Kunkel (assistant Treasurer) arrived late.

4:34- Meeting Called to Order (Maryann), Agenda review. Maryann announced that our meetings will be scheduled at 4:30 from now on because of the town's use of the community room at 5:30. We welcome Denise MacMartin to the board! No additions to the agenda.

4:35- Previous Minutes (Tossy). Gail moved to approve November minutes, John seconded; voted & approved.

4:36- Treasurer's report (John). We had a glitch with the mail program but all bills are paid. We have about \$49k we can spend out of the Moot fund. Overall finances are fine. We need Dale's signature on a financial form to change forms from mutual fund to brokerage account. This will not change the interest rate or have other substantive differences. Kelli moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Gail seconded; voted and approved.

4:39- Librarian's Report (Sherri). 13 new patrons signed up in February, and the library was fairly busy. We replaced an open volunteer's position and the new volunteer has been trained by Sonia. The eclipse event will be held in Memorial Park; Good Measure will be there with their food truck and Dex Rowe will provide music. The library has started to hand out eclipse glasses (2 per household- additional glasses are available at the town offices), and has reserved about 200 glasses for the event just in case. The youth programs were well attended, and there are lots of events planned in March and beyond. Denise asked about inclement weather on the eclipse- if its cloudy we will still see a difference, and if its wet there are some shelters at the park.

4:43- Old Business:

- 1. Kellianne Tech Plan Survey Results.** Kelli wasn't able to complete the presentation this month.
- 2. Handicap Accessibility Update.** The automatic door opening buttons are in, but the buttons are linked to the locks which needs to be fixed.
- 3. Fixing Light.** Has not happened yet.
- 4. Update for Kitchen.** The kitchen project from the AARPA grant that Maryann got is almost complete except for wall painting and ceiling tiles. The bathroom has also been repainted, and the floor is in progress- the tiles may be able to be restored instead of replaced. The kitchen will be fully cleaned (cupboards etc) soon. Maryann may have enough funding left over after all renovations to replace the Community Room floor if its ok with the Selectboard.
- 5. Eclipse-** covered in Librarian's report
- 6. Grant Update-** Tom submitted the application, we haven't heard back about it yet.

4:56- New Business

- 1. Kathryn's Scholarship Fund-** We had talked about the scholarship being connected to literature, and talked about the other requirements. We decided that it should go to a Northfield resident, open to home schoolers and anyone graduating from a different school. Should we make grades a requirement? No. Should there be a service requirement? Yes, but revise to 'investment in community'. Keep the definition of 'literature' wide (teaching, journalism, languages, etc). We will require 2 letters of recommendation. This is a one-time

fund, for 2024 graduates. What kind of publicity will be provide? FPF, Northfield FB pages, Transvideo, homeschool groups, high school. Deadline will be June 1 for distribution at graduation on June 15

- 2. Discussion of Friends-** Gail said there's not much to report. There are 8-10 people on the list, only one mentioned being at all interested in organizing. Tossy's husband may still be interested. Sherri was hoping to request \$ from the friends for her seed swap event where the library also provides some seeds. Some seeds have been donated, and Sherri hopes to buy some packets also. Rebecca was also hoping that Gail could ask Friends members to make baked goods for her 'Welcome Baby' event (date not known).

5:14- Other business: none

5:14- Executive Session: none

5:15 - John moved to adjourn the meeting, Dale seconded; voted & moved. Meeting adjourned.