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Gilford Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of the March 9, 2022 Meeting
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Attending: Katherine Dormody, Betty Tidd, Peter Ellis, Alexis Jackson, and Mike Marshall. Diane Tinkham was absent.

Public Hearing

A public hearing was opened at 10:00 am by chair Betty Tidd. There were no public attendees. The purpose of the hearing was to accept a \$200,000 bequest from the estates of Betty and Dick Persons. The funds will be held in trust with the accrual to be used for projects. If not used, the accrual returns to the principal. Peter moved to adjourn, Mike seconded, all in favor. The hearing was adjourned at 10:15 by chair Betty Tidd.

Minutes from the February 9, 2022, regular meeting were reviewed. Peter moved to accept as modified, Mike seconded, all in favor.

Reports

Circulation

Circulation of materials was down slightly from last year, however, we had many more people in the building, a 65 percent increase in library visits. We signed up 14 new borrowers and 548 people took part in in-person programs. In addition, we had 40 people attend virtually and 1569 7-day downloads. Computer usage was up over 42 percent and WIFI usage was up 94 percent.

Programs

There were a few programs that were canceled due to weather. Those held were well-attended. A couple of days in February after school the library was occupied in every space with groups of people. Looking ahead, we should have more events and participation with new staff starting.

Volunteers

We had 169 volunteer hours for February, just about the same from last year.

Old Business

- A. Budget 2022 – The town budget was passed on March 8, 2022.
- B. ARPA Grant – Katherine recently attended a meeting on the reporting and recording of receipts for our ARPA fund. The first report is due in May and there is a lot of paperwork. Patty Myers started Monday and she will be taking over the program and entering all of our information.

- C. Friends - the Friends sponsored The Cat in the Hat party as well as the vacation week scavenger hunt. Katherine will be asking them to sponsor some of the costs for National Library Week. Peter will attend their meeting on Tuesday March 15.
- D. Garage Repairs – The garage clean out is a slow process due to cold weather and staff shortages.

New Business

- A. National Library Week - National Library Week is early this year, it begins Monday, April 4. We are coordinating with other Town Departments to do our Touch-a-Truck events and we have several adult programs including a Humanities Council sponsored program on the history of the KKK in New Hampshire on Thursday the 7. We will hold a no fines week. National Library Workers Day is Tuesday of that week. We agreed to provide pizza for lunch and approach the Friends for flowers for the front desk.
- B. National Volunteer week is the week of April 17. We will host an event for our volunteers on the 19th.
- C. Personnel- Employee New Hire, Bettoney. Change of Status for Hayden Juris who is returning from paternity leave.

Move to adjourn at 11:00 by Alexis, seconded by Peter, all in favor.

Our next meeting will be March 9, 2022, at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis Jackson