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**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2024
6:30 PM**

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Griswold, Emily DiGiulio, Ellen Holmes-Henry, Sue Wade, Nick Hadden and one member of the public

CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 PM

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES, November 16, 2023: Moved to accept by Nick, seconded by Ellen and approved by all members in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Lisa who consulted with Ashley.

Current balance:

<i>Checking</i>	\$1542.83
<i>Savings</i>	\$6782.70
<i>Childhood Literacy</i>	\$1614.83

There were two recent checks that were still outstanding. The report was accepted, Nick so moved, and Ellen seconded.

Correspondence

Two notes were shared from Debbie Howard's class. The Trustees received three notes of appreciation for the holiday gifts. Marcia Purvis donated a painting to the library.

UPDATES

From the Librarians: Emily discussed in depth the following outline of events that have been ongoing:

- Attendance at Franklin County Library Committee meeting
- Elizabeth organized an event involving about 20 kids who were doing four different tasks at the same time ("Elizabeth gets an A+.")
- Mandarin Language being taught.
- Dungeons and Dragons Club up and going.
- The required statistics report has been submitted to the State.

Sue thanked the Board for her membership in the Small and Rural Library Association. She attended a meeting virtually and came away from it being thankful that she is in Vermont and with our library especially. She reported on the progress of starting an adult book group. Special praise for the Generous Heart Fund was expressed.

2024-2025 Budget: The Selectboard accepted our budget. The group discussed the Town's most recent ledger records and decided to meet with the Town Treasurer and Manager to address the format of the monthly report and to urge the prompt payment of submitted bills. The meeting agreed that copies of the ledger should be obtained for each meeting in the future.

Literacy Project: Books were handed out to the kids in Pre-school through 6th grade before Christmas. A high school teacher asked if the library could help a group of students who have expressed an interest in forming a book club. We provided books for them.

Board openings: There are two openings. Ashley and Ellen will not be seeking re-election.

Impact of school renovations: Lisa gave a lengthy and thorough report on her meeting with the architect and Liz Noonan. Construction is to start in April. The parking lot in front of the library will be used as a staging area. Fencing will be put up. There will be limited parking. The library building will be completely shut down. No staff at all. No summer camp. No summer theater. The library will not be accessible. The current plan means the library will be closed into 2025. Everything will be packed up and closed. The architect offered a possible

alternative. "Pack up and close down for the summer of 2024 and Sept. and Oct. and let us do our thing; then you can reopen." The consensus of the meeting was to work with the latter proposal as the lesser of the two evils. The idea discussed was to look for a suitable temporary place in which to provide basic library services for the community. Various locations around the Town and even in Georgia were discussed. Lisa, in anticipation of this issue, had already approached several owners to check on availability. It was agreed to get the word out on the need for a place to use until November.

NEW BUSINESS

Library staffing: Emily announced that she will be resigning in the near future. This news was met with nothing but praise for her service to the library and well wishes.

Meeting dates for 2024: Lisa proposed the following regular meeting dates: 3/21, 5/16, 7/18, 9/19, 11/21. The joint meetings will take place on 4/18 and 10/17. The budget meeting to occur on 10/10.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.