

Freedom Public Library Trustees Meeting
Thursday January 19, 2017 final minutes

Present: Chuck Brooks, Chair; Laura Robinson, Treasurer; Paul Mathieu, Secretary;
Elizabeth Rhymer, Librarian

The meeting was called to order at 3:41 .

The December minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's report

Laura reviewed the Profit and Loss report. A film program has been paid through FOL funds. The town report was reviewed.

A motion to accept a \$93 donation in honor of Bill Stoops 93rd birthday was approved.

The treasurer's report was approved.

The manifest was signed.

Librarian's Report

The winter film series was two people short of reaching room capacity in January. The next date conflicts with a football game that Elizabeth expects will reduce attendance.

Chris' Dungeons and Dragons is going well. The first school-year teen night will be this Friday, Jan 20. The monthly elementary school program is well attended and generating a lot of enthusiasm. Student comportment may be more energetic than staff are comfortable with at times, but the overall sense is that the students are pleased with their experience.

The telescope from the NH Astronomical Society has been received. The organization asks for a delegate from the library to attend a complimentary dinner and presentation in Concord the evening of February 10. Paul will contact Marc Stowbridge (NHAS) to arrange for one or two to attend.

The board developed the Library holiday schedule for 2017 and approved it.

Chuck will follow up with Jason on re-work that needs to be done to adjust some dimensions to meet ADA requirements in the bathroom. Chuck will also discuss aesthetic choices of the board with Jason and give the go-ahead to complete the vestibule project.

The board discussed possible alternates to assist with the treasurer's duties.

The board discussed the Friends of the Library's recent request to allocate expenses differently across consecutive fiscal years. The board's consensus is to gain some clarification of the reasoning for the change as it would require a significant increase in bookkeeping practices. Chuck will meet with the appropriate FOL members to clarify things before the February FPL board meeting.

The personnel policy review was tabled to February.

Elizabeth distributed some samples of area library lending policies to help us develop a lending policy for the telescope and similar resources.

The next meeting will be February 16 at 3:30.

Adjourned by consensus at 5:31.