


Jaquith Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

January 9, 2024

Present: Sonia Carrasco, Cathy Chodorkoff, Anne Reed, Michelle McCormick and Susan Green, Librarian

Meeting start: 6:

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| Approve Agenda | 5min |
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| Approve December meeting minutes | 5mins |
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| Review and Approve Bills | 5mins |
| • Cathy will sign for Trustees | |
| Review 2023 Budget | 5 mins |
| • Ended the year with a \$900+ surplus due to fundraising. We'll carry it over into 2024. | |
| Review 2024 Budget | 15 mins |
| • Selectboard capped our budget increase at 5%, which would be \$4000+ dollar decrease from our proposed budget. We are not comfortable with this as it would entail limiting increases to staff wages to a much lower rate than is needed to provide a living wage. Michelle will draft a letter to the selectboard. We will propose our planned budget at town meeting if the selectboard won't reconsider their decision. Even with our proposed increase Susan is not on par with her local peers. | |
| New Health Insurance Policy | 5 mins |
| • Selectboard has eliminated health insurance for part-time employees (under 30 hours) | |
| Librarian's Report | 10mins |
| • See report for details | |
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| Librarian's report | |
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| Cabot Offer for Marshfield to Join Cabot Chronicle Newsletter | 10 mins |
| • We will have this put on the agenda for town meeting to gauge interest and perhaps recruit volunteers. Susan will forward the information to Bobbi since this really is town business. Susan will invite someone from the Chronicle to attend town meeting. | |
| Winter Fest with Marshfield Recreation Committee | 5 mins |
| • Few details are available at this point from the Recreation Committee. They want it to be in February, either the first or second weekend (it's getting late for those dates). They will do outdoor activities and the library will do indoor activities. We suggest later in February, but not the last week (school vacation). | |
| Other Upcoming Events | 5 mins |
| • Anne Miller will be doing a new series on outdoor activities - gardening and nature programs. | |
| • Wed. nights need to have activities planned for children post-community supper. The kids are in need of more organized/supervised entertainment since the gym is no longer available for them to use. Grant??? Discussion with the selectboard is needed about this and the condition of the | |

building in general. Susan will request to have this on the agenda for the upcoming selectboard meeting on Jan. 16th (hopefully at 6:00).

Marshfield Farmers Market Initiative Update 5 mins

- Tabled

Town Meeting 10 mins

- We have one current vacancy on the Trustees and one term expiring. We're seeking candidates to run at town meeting.

Future Meetings 5 mins

- Susan has set up Zoom meetings for the year so we have the option of hybrid meetings.

Announcements

- Susan has applied for a \$16,000 grant for communications to assist with library internet services. She will be working with a consultant on configuring the new system.

Adjourned: 7:55