

Jaquith Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

February 13, 2024

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

Convened: 6:33

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| Approve Agenda | 5min |
| • Approved | |
| Approve January meeting minutes | 5mins |
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| Review and Approve Bills | 5mins |
| • CC will sign for Trustees | |
| Review 2024 Budget | 15 mins |
| • Fundraising is going well \$3460 so far from annual appeal | |
| • \$5428 deficit for 2024 unless funded at town meeting per selectboard changes to budget request (2nd warned budgetary item to cover) | |
| Librarian Report | 10mins |
| • See librarians report for details - things are pretty much as usual | |
| • After school D&D group is very active and well attended | |
| • Still need to recruit more "Friends" | |
| • Selectboard meeting with building discussion - we reiterated the importance of repairing the elevator regarding the food shelf and library patrons. It won't be repaired until the cracks/leaks are repaired; same for gym. Scott is leaving OSC maintenance position - town is currently running ad for replacement. | |
| • Library access grant for internet and building is available - approved moving forward with application (Susan and Michelle will work on it) | |
| Cabot Offer for Marshfield to Join Cabot Chronicle Newsletter | 10 mins |
| • It's a town issue, not library business - table and notify selectboard/town committees, hand out at town meeting | |
| Winter Fest with Marshfield Recreation Committee | 5 mins |
| • Plans have been firmed up - rec committee outside in morning, library inside, food at noon and music in afternoon | |
| Upcoming Events | 5 mins |
| • Several eclipse activities, more garden workshops, town governance w/Michael Caccavo, historic activism w/Michael Billingsley | |
| • Possibility of starting a handwork group and another summer nature program? | |
| Town Meeting | 10 mins |
| • Two budget items this year for library - selectboard limited increase to 5%, second item brings budget to our requested level. | |
| • No candidate in the wings to replace Kara on the Trustees - brainstorming | |
| New Business - Approved | |
| • Proposed name change - Jaquith Public Library and Community Center - 3 yes votes, 1 no vote (Anne Reed) - tentatively approved pending research regarding complexities of doing so | |

- Ceasefire resolution - proposed and withdrawn after discussion of this being a political issue and beyond the scope of the library, although all agreed with this in principal
 1. Due to the humanitarian emergency in Gaza and Rafah, we ask our partners in civil society, including our local and Vermont state representatives, to urge Congress and the White House to call for an immediate ceasefire, de-escalation, and humanitarian access to prevent further civilian harm in Gaza and the occupied Palestinian territories.
 2. Due to Israel having effectively cut off food, water, and electricity to Gaza and Rafah, and with over half a million refugees starving, and many children being damaged by malnutrition, we further urge our lawmakers to work to restore funding to UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East).
 3. Due to the history of this ongoing disaster, we further urge our lawmakers to promote peace by calling for an end to the illegal military occupation of Palestine. As we know, if there is not justice, there is no peace.

Adjourned: 8:07