


Jaquith Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 12, 2024

Present: Sonia Carrasco, Cathy Chodorkoff, Michelle McCormick, Annie Reed, Tracey Witherspoon
Susan Green, Librarian, and Anne Miller Program and Volunteer Coordinator

Meeting convened: 6:35

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| Approve Agenda | 5 mins |
| • Approved | |
| Welcome Tracey and quick onboarding | 15 mins |
| • Selection of Board chair and secretary
Cathy will continue as secretary/chair | |
| • Meeting facilitation will rotate on a voluntary basis | |
| Approve February meeting minutes | 5 mins |
| • Approved | |
| Review and Approve Bills | 5 mins |
| • Approved | |
| Review Budget | 15 mins |
| • Bobbi neglected to add the 2 nd appropriation of \$5000+ in the budget report. It needs to be corrected. | |
| • We need to find a new internet provider because First Light is pulling out. Susan is working on it with someone from the state and a local expert. In general, things look good. | |
| Town Meeting Report | 5 mins |
| • Both warned items for the Jaquith passed by a large margin. | |
| • Tracey Witherspoon was elected as Trustee. | |
| Librarian's Report | 15 mins |
| • See full librarian's report for details
Circulation numbers are down a little from last year. Electronic access is up. | |
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| Librarian's report | |
| • Grant updates | |
| Money remains from the nature camp grant. A 3-day a week session will be offered in April and May w/Angela. Michelle suggested not limiting it to just Angela's availability. Tracey suggested connecting with the Nature Center. | |
| There are 2 grants available. One has a deadline this month (today) and is limited in what it can be used for – we are passing on it. The other is quite broad and available for multiple projects that we have on the drawing board and that may be needed since the flood. We will apply for that one. | |
| • Patron Computers | |

The old computers are very slow. We need to replace them and had previously discussed a rotation, but we may need to do several at the same time – software too. Michelle moved to spend up to \$5000 from our savings to replace them. All agreed to this. Susan will arrange it.

Upcoming Events

20 mins

- Spring programs
Plant swap, Stranahan walk, bird walk, honeybees, indoor air quality, eclipse are scheduled in April. Susan would like to organize something for May Day/spring fun day (May pole, Morris Dancers, Diana Levine).
- Summer concerts
We'll do 6 concerts this year – starting July 4th running to August 8th. We are compiling a list of bands to invite (The Pitt Crew, Les Dead Ringers, The Larkspurs, Katie Trautz Cajun group, Michael Arnowitt, etc.). We've already booked Dave Keller. Michelle and Anne Miller will work on food vendors.
- E-bike raffle discussion
Anne Miller looked into this for a fundraiser since the friends are quasi defunct at this point in terms of fundraising. Anne has researched it and we can get one from the bike shop in Barre for \$2000. We discussed \$20 per ticket and limiting sales to 250 tickets. All agreed that Anne should move ahead with setting this up. We will produce the tickets and the raffle will be held at the late July concert.

Meeting adjourned: 8:03