

Leach Public Library
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
October 2, 2024

Members Present

John, Gretchen, Teresa, Mary, Phillis, Brian

Members Absent

Kate, Cheryl, Judith

Staff Present

Colette

Trisha

1. Call to order
The meeting was called to order by John at 6:30 p.m.
2. Public Comment Period
None
3. Approve minutes of September 2024 meeting
 - a. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Teresa and seconded by Phillis.
The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
4. Finance Report
 - a. The report was accepted and signed.
5. U.S. Department of Treasury Capital Grant
 - a. WE WERE AWARDED A GRANT FOR \$1,082,750!!!! With an additional contingency amount of \$130,571.48, for a total award of **\$1,213,321.48**. We were one of 14 libraries in Vermont awarded a grant, and the only one in Orleans County. There were 71 total applicants.
 - b. Some trustees expressed interest in serving on the capital committee. So far, John and Judith. Gretchen and Teresa agreed to be back-ups.
 - c. Coe + Coe Architecture will be invited to attend the next meeting.
 - d. Trisha will store the application in the library's Google drive for trustees to read if they wish.
 - e. Trisha will review laws/bylaws about the functions of committees.
6. Other Business
 - a. Book Brag
Most of the staff and trustees in attendance shared what book they are reading and/or what book they recommend. In the future the book brag could be a separate event (with food!)
 - b. University of Irasburg
Trustees brainstormed possible classes at the 2025 U of I, to be held in March.
 - c. Vermont Community Foundation Grant
The library was awarded a small grant from VCF's NEK Fund to pilot a Spanish-language story hour. Trisha will work on this in the beginning of 2025.
 - d. Ancestry at the Library

There's interest in making this program available at the library if we can afford it in the budget in 2025.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m. on a motion from Teresa.

Next meeting will be held on a different date because it would fall the day after the election. Trisha will send an email to schedule.