

## Minutes / Meeting of Leach Library Board of Trustees / January 12, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Leach Public Library met via Google Meet on January 12, 2021. Present were Phillis Mosher, Molly Veysey, Gretchen Bittner and Judith Jackson. Absent were Library Director Laurie Green-Holland and Robin Kay.

The meeting came to order at 10:34. The members had already approved the minutes of the previous meeting via DocuSign.

Members agreed to pursue weatherization of the drafty windows through the Window Dressers program when it resumes post-pandemic operations

Members discussed the responsible disbursement of residual funds in the 2020 library budget. Because of the curtailment of library operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic for much of the year, there is a residual amount of \$15,838.18 in the library budget. The selectboard had advised the library to promptly make appropriate use of some of the residual funds to meet library needs. The trustees approved the purchase of three rugs, with pads, to replace the original library rugs that had worn out and become trip hazards. Town Clerk Danielle Ingalls has ordered the rugs, based on the trustees' request in advance of the meeting. The trustees also voted to ask Ms. Ingalls to pay the \$905 to Northern Precision Foam for insulation that the grant from Efficiency Vermont did not cover.

Additionally, the trustees asked Ms. Bittner and Ms. Veysey to submit lists of needed crafts supplies and books for the Enrichment Program to Ms. Ingalls for purchase. The materials will be used for the Enrichment Program when it resumes post pandemic. They agreed to submit lists, and the trustees voted to approve the expenditure of residual 2020 funds for this purpose. Because the school district did not receive funding for after-school enrichment activities, the library's Enrichment Program represents the only such opportunity for Irasburg students.

Members agreed to amend the December 2020 Expense/Revenue report to reflect the purchase of rugs, books and crafts supplies, as well as payment to Northern Precision Foam for insulation.

The Enrichment Program sent at-home activity kits, including a pottery project, via curbside delivery to students during the 2020 holidays. Pottery projects were fired in the kiln on January 12.

Ms. Jackson apologized for the fact that she has not pursued the multiple grant opportunities that arise, as communicated by the Vermont Library Association, NVDA and others. Members agreed to identify a small number of the most promising grant opportunities and to collaborate on submitting applications for those. Ms. Veysey raised the point that, in some cases, her position as executive director of the Old Stone House Museum may lead to a conflict of interest in applying for certain grants.

Members approved the January expense/revenue report via DocuSign.

The date for the next meeting was set for Tuesday, February 9, 2021, with the meeting to be held remotely.

Submitted by Judith Jackson  
January 17, 2021

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