

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Leach Public Library
Thursday, April 6, 2023

Trustees in Attendance: John Miller, Judith Jackson, Kate Ives, Gretchen Bittner, Brian Arant, Teresa Piette

Absent: Phillis Mosher, Cheryl Hogan

Staff in attendance: Colette Houle, Trisha Ingalls

1. John Miller called the meeting to order at 6:59pm
2. Public Comment Period: No public Comments
3. Minutes of the March meeting
 - Judith moved to accept the March 2023 meeting minutes as written. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
4. Director's Report
 - Green Mountain Farm to School will be bringing their Lunch Box program to the library this summer.
 - STEM camp is set for the April school break. Jerry Piette has created a curriculum and schedule for the 3 days of classes. A \$1000 grant has been awarded to help with extending hours at the library during the school break.
 - Trisha has applied for \$800 in funding towards summer programming from the state. So far, \$300 of that request has been confirmed.
 - The Capital Needs Assessment will be submitted by the end of the week,
 - Tanya Sousa (author from Troy) is working with Trisha to develop a creative writing workshop in the fall. Trisha is pursuing grant funding.
 - The current Municipal Planning Grant will be ending at the end of May.
5. Finance Report
 - signed and approved by all attending Board members.
6. Rate change for Librarian
 - Judith proposed a motion to increase the hourly wage rate for Colette to \$15/hr. Teresa seconded, all in attendance voted in favor. Trisha will discuss the possibility with Danielle of making the raise retroactive from January of this year, or at the earliest possible date.
7. VT Oath of Allegiance
 - all in attendance filled out the annual required form
9. Other Business
 - University of Irasburg has 19 classes available to the public during the month of April, 3 of these are STEM classes for middle school children.
 - The old windows in the basement need to be removed and thrown/given away. Trisha will advertise their availability on Front Porch Forum and Facebook Marketplace.
 - The grass bank between the road and the sidewalk needs steps with a railing built into it. Patrons with mobility problems cannot step up and over the existing bank and are having to walk a long distance out of their way to enter the library. Trisha will bring this up at the next selectboard meeting.
10. Teresa moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm.