

Minutes of the meeting of the Leach Library trustees

Monday, February 5, 2024 at 6 p.m.

Present: Teresa Piette, Judith Jackson, Cheryl Hogan, John Miller, Kate Ives (telephone), Gretchen Bittner, Phillis Mosher (telephone)

Absent: Brian Arant

Staff in attendance: Trisha Ingalls and Colette Houle

1. Call to Order

John called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

2. Public comment period

Mike Prue was in attendance. He wanted to learn about how things work in the town of Irasburg.

3. Approve minutes of the January 2024 meeting

Phillis moved to approve the minutes of the January 2024 trustee meeting; the motion was seconded by Teresa. Vote: all in favor.

4. Director's report

See attached.

5. Finance report

Approved and signed by trustees.

6. Other business

Town Meeting and Trustee terms: The trustees need to be an even number, but currently there are eight. All current trustees wish to continue to serve so a ninth member will be sought.

After some discussion, the monthly meeting schedule was updated to: **first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.** beginning in March. This will allow trustees and staff to also attend select board meetings if they fall on the same day. **Teresa moved to update the regular meeting schedule; the motion was seconded by Gretchen. Vote: all in favor.**

The application for the U.S. Treasury Capital Grant for libraries was announced and opened on January 30. The application is due March 12. Trisha will work on a draft and share with trustees.

There are two library conferences coming up in the spring. The Vermont Library Association conference in Killington on May 20, and the Children's Literacy Foundation at the Lake Morey Resort on April 12. Trisha would like to attend these as possible for education and networking. She also submitted a presenter proposal to the VLA conference organizers to try and offset the cost of the conference. Trustees agreed she should attend both conferences. Colette may also wish to attend the April conference if sugaring permits.

Trustees agreed the library should order eclipse glasses for the April 8 solar eclipse.

Coe + Coe Architecture asked whether the library could serve as a reference for future projects. John checked in with the trustees about their experiences working with the Coes and agreed that the library could be a reference for their work.

Kate said her son Alden will be carrying on the community service work started by her daughter of cataloging the library's collection, and will work on it this summer.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. on a motion from Teresa.