

LEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 10:35. Present were Judith Jackson, Molly Veysey, Phillis Mosher, and Laurie Green Holland.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

We would like to give many thanks to Molly Vesey and Danielle Ingalls for their work on finalizing the December, 2020, expense report.

REVIEW RECENT FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND PURCHASES, AND THE USE OF FY 2020 RESIDUAL FUNDS

The board agreed that the use of 2020 residual funds was well spent.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS FY 2021 BUDGET REQUEST

Since the COVID pandemic negatively affected the use of the library by the public, resulting in lower expenses for both heat and personnel, the trustees agreed with the Select Board to trim the 2021 budget request by \$4,000, to be deducted from Personnel and Utilities.

DISCUSS OFFERS OF BOOK DONATIONS

Because of the current state of disarray of the basement since it was foamed, the board decided regretfully that the library cannot at this time accept donations. Once the walls have been painted and things have been returned to order, we would be gratefully accept future donations.

DISCUSS ROLE OF LIBRARY IN THE COMMUNITY WHEN THE LIBRARY RE-OPENS

There was discussion concerning the potential purchase of both fiction and non-fiction books dealing with the broad topic of diversity. This, in turn, resulted in further exploration of the mission of public libraries in their communities. It was decided that the trustees will reach out to several sources of information about this issue including the VT Dep't. of Libraries, the Council for Rural Development, etc, to become better informed about whether, and how, the library might support an awareness of the issue of diversity in our community. The trustees will share their research their findings at the next meeting.

DISCUSS POTENTIAL NEW MEETING DATES AND TIMES

It was decided to keep the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 for the meetings in hopes that Robin Kay can join virtually.

DISCUSS POTENTIAL NEW LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The board will bring a list of suggestions for additional members.

The December and February expense reports were approved, and a meeting time of 10:30 on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10.