

## **Peterborough Town Library Board of Trustees**

### **Draft Minutes December 15, 2022**

**Meeting called to order:** 5:30 pm

**Trustees Present:** Tina Kriebel (Chair), Laura Hanson (Secretary), Karen Struthers (Treasurer), John Lawler, Peggy Van Valkenburgh, Chris Mann (alternate), Kristen Ramey (alternate)

**Others Present:** Corinne Chronopoulos (Library Director), Bill Taylor (Select Board Liaison)

**Minutes from the November 17, 2022 meeting approved. JL, KS**

**Motion to approve November's Treasurer's Report PV, LH Motion passed.**

#### **Director's Report Highlights**

- Facilities update: Precision sending quote for HVAC filters; fire alarm annual inspection booked for December 22; back wall of the 1833 room will be repainted this winter; and ordered plaque to honor Ann Geisel and final installation of flag plaque.  
**Motion to approve design and installation of the above two plaques and to pay \$1,350 for both plaques from the 1833 Society fund. TK, JL Motion passed**
- The ESVOC (End Sexual Violence on Campus) group met with Aimee LaRue about promoting their work at the library. They were proposing offering free sexual healthcare items at the library. There was a lengthy discussion and it was decided to bring back the ESVOC issue to the Board after Corinne talks to the high school to find out how they are participating in the program.
- Corinne continues to have regular one-on-one check-ins with her staff. She is proud of everyone's continued growth and development.
- The Youth Team is planning for a monthly PJ storytime and Saturday activities in January.
- There were many Christmas lantern workshops hosted and supported by the Youth Team.
- The Community Art Gallery had a lovely opening for the Friends of the Library. The artwork is up through December.
- The Friends luncheon was well attended. The library staff provided their "Speedy Reads" program.
- Mary and Corinne are planning out the 2023 calendar, and are incorporating more evening programs, more entertainment activities, and more continued education. Some of the recurring monthly programs include:
  - Monadnock Handcrafters (2 Saturdays per month)
  - Yoga class
  - Spanish conversation group (2 per month)
  - NH Humanities series (partnering with the Friends)
  - Writers' open mic
  - Peterborough Presents
  - Tech Tuesday
  - Tech Drop-in

- Planning ahead for a garden series in the Spring and an outdoor concert series on the terrace
- Corinne reviewed the library statistics as of the end of November.

**Motion to accept the Director's Report KS, PV Motion passed.**

### **1833 Society Update**

The 1833 Society voted to change the mission of the organization to more general support of the library.

### **Old Business**

No current updates to the library's strategic plan.

A one-year contract, which was distributed to the Board, with Viva Bach Peterborough has been finalized to house a baby grand Steinway in the 1833 Room starting on May 1, 2023.

**Motion to approve Viva Bach Peterborough contract with a new start date of May 1, 2023 , JL, TK Motion passed**

### **New Business**

Corinne gave a meeting room update, including some of the on-going challenges. The library rooms continue to be in high demand among non-profits, for-profits, and town committees and departments. A couple of the challenges are limited parking and additional operational expenses. Because of the low-rate rental fees or free usage, Corinne has drafted a letter to the regular organizations using the rooms asking for contributions toward the operational costs of the rooms.

**Motion that the Trustees will sign the above letter to organizations who are currently using the rooms. JL, LH Motion passed**

Corinne reviewed the 2024 budget with the Board. The upcoming town budget meeting is scheduled for January 31<sup>st</sup> and Corinne encouraged all Board members to be in attendance.

**Motion to write a check for \$300 to cover the cost of library programming. TK, PV Motion passed**

**Motion to adjourn made at 6:40 pm TK, PV**

**Next meeting: Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted, Laura Hanson