

Freetown Board of Library Trustees
Minutes of Thursday, January 26, 2023
6:30 pm
James White Library

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Call to Order:	Chairperson Linda Fournier called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Paul Sadeck is recording the meeting.
Present:	Linda Fournier, Irene Ashley, Beverly Sadeck, Paul Sadeck and Nicole Davignon- Library Director.
Absent:	Amy Sypher and Christine Paiva
Review of Payroll:	Payrolls for November and December were reviewed- there were no questions or discussion.
Review of Bills:	Bills for November and December were reviewed. There were no questions or discussion.
Review of Minutes:	The minutes from the November 2022 meeting were reviewed. On a motion made by Paul Sadeck and seconded by Beverly Sadeck the minutes were accepted. The motion passed.
Library Director:	<p>Nicole reported that things were going well. Nicole and her staff have developed a number of programs for the upcoming months:</p> <p>Once a month the White Library will offer adult craft time on Saturdays .</p> <p>A Pokemon Party is to be held on February 23rd – there will be crafts, games and prizes.</p> <p>Teatime Talks will be starting in February.</p> <p>Chess Club – all ages and skill levels – will be held once a month .</p> <p>A Henna Program will be held March 18th.- sign up is required for this program.</p> <p>A program titled – The importance of Focus – will be held February 25th at the Freetown Police Station Community Room.</p> <p>Tech Help is available-by appointment.</p> <p>A program titled- End of Life Services - is planned for March 22, 2023.</p> <p>Nature lecture program is currently being investigated.</p>

Nicole reviewed the FY24 library budget that she will be presenting to the town. The Library Trustees were in agreement with the proposed budget.

Old Business:

Approval for the appointment of Alyssa Silva to the Programming and Outreach Librarian position deferred at this time.

Status of Squirrels in Hathaway: Traps are still being set.

Status of lights in White Library: The lights have been fixed.

Update on COA/Library Community Building Sub-Committee – no update .

Review of draft lease proposal from the James White Building Trustees: A discussion took place regarding various aspects of the lease. The current proposal does not address the items/ concerns previously discussed with the Building Trustees. Chairperson Linda Fournier to contact the Building Trustees and share our concerns over this proposal.

New Business:

Discuss donating items in the attic of the Hathaway Library to the Historical Society: Currently there are 70 items that maybe of interest to the Historical Society. After discussion it was decided that the library would loan these items to the historical society if they are interested in them. A letter from the Historical Society stating their interest in these items would be requested. The library will develop a letter stating that this is a loan to the Historical Society– this will need to be approved by the selectmen. Nicole to follow-up with the Historical Society.

Discuss MA Public Library Construction Program and proposal for Library Building Plan: The new Construction Grant Round will begin this year- Letter of Intent needs to be submitted by April 28, 2023. This grant can be utilized for a shared building project. Part of the application process is the submission of a building program. The trustees reviewed the material submitted by Mary Braney – a Library Consultant for Library Planning and Program Development. A motion

made by Paul Sadeck and seconded by Irene Ashley to contract with Mary Braney to write the building program for the Freetown Public Libraries. The motion passed.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn at 8:15pm was made by Beverly Sadeck and seconded by Irene Ashley. The motion passed.

Next meeting:

February 16, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted

Beverly Sadeck

