

**KIMBALL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

ATTENDANCE:

Tom Kelley, Chair

Linda Jette, Vice Chair

Karen Trasatti, Secretary

Marnie Finn, Treasurer

Bruce Pelletier, Trustee

Kathy Watson, Interim Director

Nina Gray, Alternate Trustee

Julie Hammond, Alternate Trustee (1:07)

Jill Ottow, Alternate Trustee

Kate Rochford, President Atk Historical Society

John Rockwell, Treasurer Atk Historical Society

Call to Order: 1:03pm

Chairman's Report:

Tom announced Kathy Watson has been appointed as Interim Director while Karen Brown is on medical leave.

Motion by Linda Jette, seconded by Marnie Finn to approve regular meeting minutes of 8/11/21. Motion passes 5-0.

Motion by Linda Jette, seconded by Bruce Pelletier to accept non-public meeting minutes of 9/4/21. Motion passes 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$18,778.68 General Operating

\$3,359.33 Fines

\$11,038.71 Savings

\$3,784.99 Donations (NH grant for Launchpads)

Motion to Linda Jette, seconded by Bruce Pelletier to accept treasurer's report. Motion passes 5-0.

Motion by Linda Jette, seconded by Bruce Pelletier to accept donation in the amount of \$3,784.99. Motion passes 5-0.

DIRECTOR REPORT/YOUTH SERVICES:

- Presenters have requested attendees wear masks during programs or some presenters will not present or only do Zoom presentations.
- Launch pads: 8 of 14 checked out on the first day of circulation.
- Partnering with Plaistow Library and offering a digital copy of WSJ
- Brian Boyle responding to library building needs. Partial electric outages have occurred.
- Katelyn Cloughley starts 9/27 as Youth Services Librarian.

- Summer programs were successful.
- Soft launch of preschool programs in the fall due to limited staff.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Kate Rochford and John Rockwell of Atkinson Historical Society have requested to connect Kimball House to Kimball Library wifi. Historical Society open Wednesdays, 2-4pm and first Saturday of month, 10a-4p. AHS is proposing a shared internet connection - wireless bridge. Currently AFD and Atk Highway Dept share an internet connection. One time cost ~\$1500. Block 5 to install and no other maintenance required. AHS to fund total cost with help from AWCC donation. Wireless remote connection ties into library connection and transmits wirelessly from box on library to box on Kimball House. Connection to public account. Trustees in support of the proposal. John to secure a firm estimate from Block5 and report back to trustees.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Library siding: Tom, Nina Jill & Julie met with Selectman Spero and Brian Boyle regarding siding status. Brian has been very active with siding replacement ~\$110-125K to replace with Hardy Plank cement siding. Same siding as current siding but will be installed correctly this time. Likely to be a stand alone warrant in March. 2 week project. Brian to obtain bids and oversee project.
- Trustee 2022 Openings: 2 trustee openings in 2022, 3 Alternate Trustees appointed annually, terms end March 2022. Tom suggests a trustee orientation for the public to attend and learn what it means to be a trustee.
- 2022 Budget:
 - Budget Committee 9/28/21, 7pm
 - Board of Selectmen 10/4/21, 6:30pm
 - Overall 2022 budget at 4.1% increase with line adjustments (12.5% electricity increase)
 - Trustees are asked to attend the meetings to lend support to Kathy and the budget request

1:55pm Karen Trasatti left meeting due to prior commitment.

Julie Hammond appointed to serve for Karen Trasatti.

1:57pm

Motion by Bruce Pelletier, seconded by Linda Jette to enter non public meeting to discuss personnel matter. Motion passes 5-0.

Next trustee meeting: October 20, 2021

Respectfully submitted by,
Karen Trasatti, Secretary

