

Library Meeting notes April 11, 2022 Meeting opened by Mary at 5:01 pm

Mary, Maggie, Aaron, Jill, Tarisa, Betsy

Last meeting minutes accepted by Mary and Theresa

We would like to thank everyone involved in keeping the keen library open these last few months. Many thanks to Karen Glass and the Keene Valley Library for opening their doors to us and to Aaron Miller and Maggie Sheldon.

Jill has decided to step down as treasure of the board and will also be leaving the board soon. A date has not yet been determined but we are taking letters of interest from anyone who would like to apply. Jill and Mary will go to the bank and discuss changeover of accounts.

The board would like to thank Jill for her many years she has served on the board. We are looking forward to continuing working with her as she will continue as a volunteer.

Jill researched the food pantry money and spoke to Carolyn, Ellen, about the account. The money was turned in to the town and we hoped to use it toward the library. The board has decided to leave this matter to Bob Biesemeyer and Joe Pete Wilson.

Library checking account currently has \$6,079.24 and we have \$2924.21 plus we received a donation of \$1,000.00 from a generous donor.

Annual report we have had 4,274 visitors last year and 2,073 items checked out from our book selections.

Aaron has continued with helping those who have questions and need assistance with the Internet and other tech support.

Our operating budget was \$50,401.00,

We have applied for a \$1,681.00 grant from CEF, however the library does not have a separate Federal ID # so we had to apply for one. Hopefully that will be finalized soon. At this time the application has cleared the department of education now has to clear federal part. We applied for a grant in the amount of \$150,000 and we hope to receive 75-90% to be approved. Next round of grant applications needs to be in by June. We discussed what we would like to use the grant money for. We discussed upgrades on heating and cooling. Tarisa and Aaron will investigate if there are any grant opportunities.

Moving forward: until we can get the grants approved, we cannot start construction on the necessary repairs. We will then be able to hire a contractor for the project. We do not have a timeline for reopening at this time.

Aaron purchase a thermostat for the library so we can keep track of the temperature in the building. A motion was made by Betsy and seconded by Jill that he should be reimbursed for the money spent.

The oil had run out and the town was called. Was noticed by Aaron when he was in checking on building. Water is currently shut off. We discussed summer maintenance.

We discussed new programs we would like to explore that will benefit our library and community.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 next meeting will be on April 25th at 5:00pm.