

**Stowe Free Library**  
**Minutes of the Board of Trustees**  
**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Present:** K.Spear, S.Gaines, K.Kaufman, A.Colvato, L.Polk (Director)

**Absent:** B.Mullin, C.Maison Kastner, S.Calvo

**Director's Report:** Staff spaces are being rearranged to reflect the needs of the employees. The hope is to create a physical and cultural space that will allow the staff to feel successful. We hope to create signage and placemaking for public spaces as we focus on how the building supports the library's mission.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Operating Account contains: \$33,371.37 The Copley Account contains: \$26,654.67 and the Endowment is at \$1,242.898.03

**Friends' Report:** The librarians are putting together a town-wide scavenger hunt that will run from Memorial Day to Columbus/Indigenous People's Day. Businesses in Stowe will be stops on a map for people to pick up their hunted items. Participants will lead participants back to the library. The holiday committee meeting is scheduled for May.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Two Board members, Kim & Charlotte, will have completed their terms in April. There is interest in joining the Board to replace the departing members. There was discussion about changing meeting time as it doesn't work for several members.

**Trustee Meeting Procedure:** To keep the meetings short the idea of allowing ten minutes per discussion was floated and will be tried at the April meeting.

**Policy Review Committee:** The Director would like to make use of more committees to take over things like the volunteer luncheon, etc. Discussion about General Bylaws are tabled as they need revision.

**Volunteer Luncheon:** Expenses will split between the Board and the Friends. The possible dates are June 5<sup>th</sup> or June 12<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at The Blue Donkey.

**Misc. Coming Events:** The library and the Current are bringing back the Story Walk. The theme is Climate Change. People will be asked to write about their favorite place in Stowe that aren't there anymore. The book club is being held at The Current. They are reading Jodi Picoult's, *Mad Honey*. The librarians are considering an all-ages book group hopefully reading something by a Vermont author. After hours at the library will begin this month with events like creative writing classes, passive game nights for teens and tweens or 20s and 30s, etc.

**Next Board Meeting:** April 10<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) 4pm.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn. Motion passed. Adjourn at 9:45 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Kaufman