

**Stowe Free Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
May 9th, 2024**

Present: K.Spear, S. Calvo, S. Edwards, S. Gaines, L.Polk (Director)

Absent: A.Colvato, B.Mullin, P. Lambert

Call to order: 8:06am

Minutes: Stand as approved.

Treasurers Report: Endowment Account contains \$1,235,116.82.

Director's Report: Director organizes weekly 1-1 meeting with with each staff member to discuss employee points, manager points, learning and development, and week ahead. Regular library events continue including fibre arts, mahjong, chess club, library club, card game, chair yoga, cribbage, storytime. New library legislation starts July 1, 2024 regarding privacy of patrons age 12 and up, and thus Trustees will review any needed policy changes during June 2024 meeting prior to this legislative change. Library staff are heading to Killington on May 20 for the annual Vermont Library Association meeting. Note our local Kelley Spear was nominated (by library staff and Friends of the Library Staff) and selected to be Trustee of the Year for Vermont Libraries. There will be a training from Vermont Libraries about how to build library endowments, which would be useful especially for any future expansion.

Friends' Report: The Friends allocated money for Literary Garden, selected a site, and installation is in progress – with the theme this year centered on Beatrix Potter. The Friends' Annual Meeting has been moved to June, and speaker Sean Blomgrun (chef focusing on using local ingredients for new dishes) will speak either at this meeting or a different May date. Friends meeting in June will discuss budget, what they will continue to fund for programming and collections, and elections. Friends will also be working to update official paperwork for the organization. Library and town would prefer a gifting model of funding rather than a reimbursement model. Trustees will try to encourage new community members to join Friends of the Library. Loren will ask for a list of Friends' members in order to reach out and encourage participation in regular meetings.

Old Business: None

Board Retreat: Potential June 15 (preferred) or 22 (backup), 10am-4pm

New Business: None

Policy Review: None

Trustee Terms Beginning: Steve Edwards and Pauline Lambert have started three year term, beginning May 2024..

Volunteer Luncheon: Postpone volunteer luncheon to September. Need to organize gift for volunteers, bumper sticker or magnets or beanies. Approx. 30 people. Motion on \$1500. Motion passed. Kim & Anna.

Next Meeting: June 13th 8 a.m.

Adjournment: 9:35am