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BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

6:30pm, December 4, 2023

At the library and on zoom

Trustees present: At the library: Shirley Montagne, Dina Dubois, Rob Rinaldi, Zoe Tilley Poster, Tania Aebi, and Carl Demrow. Also present: Jen Spanier, Library Director; Assistant Director Kimberly Hotelling.

Shirley brought the meeting to order at 6:38 pm

We started with the library director report because Jen needed to jump off at 7. There were some questions about the EV workshop coming up that will be put on by Vermont Energy Education. We also discussed a potential solar project and the need to build a separate structure to house the panels. We have envisioned a pavilion like structure that would take the place of the tent. VDL will have about \$10 million to distribute around the state. Dina asked some questions about audiobooks -who uses them, and how are they marketed. Jen reported little use of the physical audio books but OVERDRIVE e-books do get use. Rob moved to approve the directors report and Dina seconded- the report was approved unanimously. Jon Saken has the telescope and is getting familiar with it so he can instruct others who may borrow it in its use.

Rob moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting, Tania seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Shirley presented the treasurer's report. She noted that we are in a good place because we have had some of our overhead covered by afterschool program and camp, but next year's budget will be tight as a result of that support going away. We also had a discussion about the end of year appeal. A letter has been drafted and that will be going in the mail soon. Hopefully we can get a better handle on what to expect from the appeal in the post covid world. We will be reviewing and approving the 2024 budget at our February meeting.

We did get word this week that we will be getting the final reimbursement for the camp program shortly- that will be \$93K.

Zoe will be working on getting the fundraising committee together- one of the thoughts was to ask the old guard to meet with Zoe, Katherine, and Liane to talk about ideas on next steps.

Carl made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Rob seconded. The report was approved unanimously.

No other new business was brought up.

Our next meeting will be on February 20 at 6:30 PM

Rob made a motion to adjourn and Tania seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Demrow, secretary