

**Johnson Public Library**

P.O. Box 601

Johnson, VT 05656

Draft Meeting Minutes for the Board of Trustee's Meeting

Date of Meeting: 8/14/24

Location: Temporary Library Space in the Masonic Temple

Present: Trustees: Stacey Waterman, Sabrina Rossi, Jessica Bickford, Kelly Vandorn

Librarian: Jeanne Engel

1. Call to order at 6:03 pm
2. Adjustments or Additions to the Agenda
  - a. None
3. Review and Approve minutes for July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting – no changes.
  - a. Moved to approve Kelly, Jessica seconded, all board members in favor.
4. Treasurer's Report – Stacey
  - a. No update on end of year yet. Starting files for new fiscal year.
  - b. Writing checks for pizza/music nights.
  - c. Kelly moved to accept, Jessica seconded, all board members in favor.
5. Librarian's Report – Jeanne
  - a. Summer reading finished up last week. Mixed summer with different venues due to traffic/construction. Kristen has been going to pizza night w/captive audience and doing lots of crafts. Kelly reported that Kristen had scavenger hunt at the Historical Society (Holcomb House), and Kelly was present when she did it. Kelly thought she did a wonderful job. She had taken pictures of things in the collection and they had to find and talk about what was and how different now.
  - b. Jasmine, Jen, Jeanne working to pull together Johnson community workshops. Have approximately 20 prepared and a few more trickling in that they are following up on. One thing Jeanne thought about that at workshops would be beneficial for either a library employee or library board member be at each one to represent and monitor. Schedule will be out in September.
  - c. National Endowment for the Humanities Grant (\$15,000). Spent about \$7000 of it already and estimate \$2-3k on workshops. Jeanne estimates they will have at least \$5000 left of the grant. Could use to do things such as winterize buildings. However Jeanne also noted that she has gone out to historical society and conservation group to see if they have any programs or speakers they have been working on. Proposed that maybe a collaborative effort to host a program with funds.

- i. Kelly mentioned that a themed idea of Holcomb house hiring holiday carolers for Johnson Jubilee. Jessica suggested idea of Lamoille Country Players or the LUHS Jamtones who are raising money to go to Ireland. Kelly will investigate these ideas.
        - d. Hoping for extension on the Vermont Humanities Grant so work on landscaping and such on building
        - e. No news on grant. Jeanne did talk to Tom yesterday and he said that the Supervisory union has not transferred property as there are some permitting questions that need to be answered and are in the works.
        - f. Jeanne noted that timing will be important regarding renovation then move building or vice versa. Jeanne learned and shared that it sounds like it will be the Library's insurance that will repair the building. Reimbursement to fix the library was greater from insurance than FEMA. No final details at this time.
        - g. Sabrina motioned to approve the librarian's report, Stacey second, all in favor.
6. FEMA updates and land transfer and open meetings
  - a. No news other than what Jeanne presented above.
  - b. Grant – Kelly and Jeanne periodically receive emails, but no updates currently on status.
  - c. Kelly has been asking about what the open meeting law requirements are. Hasn't heard a decision on Library Board Meeting requirements from the town yet, but understand other boards do not have to record due to the way they function under oversight. However, library board members are elected, so waiting to hear on requirements.
7. Reimagining Johnson
  - a. Kelly asked what Jessica thought of reimagine meeting.
    - i. Jessica – lots of opportunities for individuals to engage. Lots of experts and their feedback. Preservation trust, Lamoille County Land Commission, Statewide Commerce/Transportation, etc. were present. At least a dozen to come in and support the process were present and they brought in lots of information.
  - b. Still collecting surveys.
  - c. Kelly was surprised at the volume of people there. Kelly is planning to go to September 10<sup>th</sup> and be present to advocate for library. Jessica sat with someone from Vermont Preservation trust and made connection with Kelly there as the chair of the library.
  - d. Next meeting is September 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.
8. Unfinished business.
  - a. None.
9. Adjourn, 6:28 pm.
  - a. Stacey Motion to adjourn, Jessica second, all board members in favor.

**Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**