

Keene Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Aug 25, 2020 – 5:00 PM

(note: this year the Aug meeting preceded the annual meeting)

Meeting was held in Zoom Video Conference and called to order at 5:06 pm. The president read the STANDARD STATE ELECTRONIC MEETING PROTOCOL aloud.

Present were: Jennifer Alexander, Paul Henkel, Kathleen Packard, Judy Putnam, Bill Stroup, Kathleen Kennedy Burke, Jane Pitts, Carl Jacobs, Charles Prigge and LD Marti Fiske. Ken Jue was not present.

Motion to approve the June minutes made by Judy, seconded by Carl, approved by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS: The absence of Sally Miller was noted (board had been notified of her resignation prior to meeting) and her amazing number of years of service noted (she joined the board in 1972.) The board will work to honor Sally in an appropriate manner in the coming year.

Her resignation and George Scott's term completion leave two seats on the board, 1 a Thayer seat. Jennifer Alexander has been asked to fill that seat, which she has accepted, and Chuck Redfern, former board member, has expressed interest in rejoining and has made an application for same. He may be joining us as a guest at the annual meeting later this evening.

FINE ARTS: The framing of one or both water color renderings from the Masons has been researched and the committee suggests that the better of the two be framed with the second secured to the back of the frame in a protective envelope or covering so that it too may be viewed (and not lost). Tentatively, the plan is to hang it at the bottom of the stairway coming down from Cohen Hall in the annex.

Motion to appropriate \$380 for this framing was made by Judy, seconded by Jennifer and passed by roll call vote.

POLICY COMMITTEE: Two issues raised: Smoking Policy and Meeting Room Policies. After a discussion on the smoking issue driven specifically by a complaint from an individual associated with the group residence next door, the board realized this was a larger discussion better bumped ahead to our September meeting, and that Building and Grounds should also weigh in on this ahead of time.

The Meeting Room Policy changes, which had been circulated ahead of time, were outlined. Now that the annex has been open for a year, necessary changes to existing policies were needed.

Motion to accept the new policies made by Kathleen Packard, Bill Stroup seconded, and the motion passed on a roll call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy presented and proposed that the gifts as outlined be accepted; Bill seconded and the motion passed by a roll call vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Paul mentioned that the lighting update plan might be able to be launched now that the library is accessible.

Jennifer reminded us that we would be discussing Marti's evaluation at the Sept meeting.

Meeting adjourned 6:07.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathleen Kennedy Burke, Trustee Sec'y