The committee, consisting of Kathleen Kennedy Burke, Judy Putnam, Jane Pitts and Assistant Library Director Susan Bloom met at the library on September 6th at 10:00 am.

The committee will meet in odd months on the first Wednesday at 10:00 AM with the next two set for November 2nd and January 4th.

Kathleen circulated photos of three watercolors the Price family (descendants of former board president Trevor Price with a summer home in the area) propose donating to the library. In anticipation of relinquishing ownership of the art work in the next year or two, they are going through the house and designating where things should go. Two of the pieces are seascapes; all are by late Keene artist Dorinda Jarest (a large collection of Dorinda's work was recently donated to the Cheshire County Historical Society). The final watercolor, of the library, was a gift to Mr. Price from the board upon completion of the addition undertaken and completed in the early 80's under his stewardship, so it is particularly meaningful.

The committee will make a recommendation to the board to accept these gifts.

In the review of insurance, it was discovered that there are several items not currently insured, including the Danny Morton oil (Faulkner's Porch) hanging in the Green Room (now Marti's office). Kathleen will look into finding an appraiser and will reach out to the artist himself as well.

With everyday concern about the pandemic largely behind us now (we hope), the committee resumed thinking about ways to drive traffic to the Atrium and KPL in general visa via exhibits, displays and art related events. We had talked about the Keene High Scholastic Art award participants and how we might work with the school to exhibit some of these. Jane will contact the art dept. In a similar vein, Judy suggested asking the director of Arts Alive to our next meeting to talk about ideas she might have as well. We also discussed a display case for the atrium – Susan indicated that such a discussion had recently surfaced at the library and will look into some quotes and samples for us.

Meeting adjourned shortly after 11:15.

Kathleen Kennedy Burke