

KEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES Draft Minutes for March 28, 2023

The board assembled in the Miller Vincent Room at 5:00 pm.

Present: Bill Stroup, Kathleen Packard, Paul Henkel, Jane Pitts, Pam Slack, Justin Somma, Kathleen Kennedy Burke, Bobby Williams, Susan Bloom and Marti Fiske. Unable to attend: Judy Putnam, Yves Gakunde, Chuck Redfern, Ritu Budakoti and Jennifer Alexander.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

Pam moved and Justin seconded that the February minutes be accepted – passed unanimously.

FINANCE: Jane asked us to approve two donations: \$50 from Chuck Prigge and a \$300 reading grant from NH Humanities. Seconded by Pam, passed unanimously.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Signage on West St side of library lawn alerting traffic to Island St construction will remain in place as needed. Tree dedication and celebration honoring late board member Ken Jue to be held on the front lawn Friday, April 28th at 1:30 pm. No meeting or report- next meeting 4/21.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: No meeting or report.

LONG RANGE PLANNING: Kathleen Kennedy Burke reported that the scheduled Community Conversations – 3 public and the in-service staff session have all been held and the results will be summarized and reported before the next committee meeting. Generally, the sessions went well and participants were engaged. Although gross attendance fell short of 100, the committee is working to continue to reach out to key segments of the community, particularly in the interest of garnering representative and diverse input. Next meeting April 5th.

FINE ARTS: Last meeting covered in Feb minutes. Next meeting May 3rd.

FRIENDS OF THE KEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY: Marti, in Judy's absence informed us that the next casino time slot to benefit the FKPL coming up – with a different structure than previous years. Two beneficiaries are now featured and daily sign-in no longer required. Also coming up: volunteer fair and spring booksale (April 20-23). Trustee involvement with booksale encouraged – Jan Manwaring has emailed board members with shift specifics.

POLICY: Kathleen P had circulated earlier this winter the Public Initiated displays policy and asked us to approve. Pam seconded, passed unanimously. Photography in the library will be an upcoming discussion.

HORATIO COLONY MUSEUM: No report.

CHESHIRE COUNTY LITERACY: No report.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Librarian II Systems Admin and Librarian I Circulation Supervisor positions have been filled with in-house staff Lisa Hoffman and Jay Fee. ARTS ALIVE is working with KSC to develop a way-finder program for art in the city and has proposed applying wheat paste leaves to the sidewalks and including the KPL as a destination. The board favored our participation. Marti presented her budget to the City Manager. Clock at bottom of staircase on list for clock master to visit.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen Kennedy Burke, Sec'y