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Worthen Library

Monthly Meeting – Board of Trustees

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Attending:

Board members: Natalie Kendrach, Liz Wirsing, Gabby Ramseyer, Kristen Bartle, Ken Kowalewitz

Recording Secretary: Mary Harwood

Library Director: Keagan Calkins

Members of the public: None

Call to order @ 6:04 PM

Preliminary Business

- **Review payment orders for approval:** Bills are circulating for approval.
- **Agenda adjustments:** KK asked to add insurance for solar panels to the agenda.
- **Public Comment:** None
- **Review and accept the minutes from the previous monthly meeting:** KB moved to accept the minutes from November 12, 2024. LW seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Library Director's Report:

- The Friends of the Worthen Library Basket Raffle drawing will be Wednesday, December 11, 2024. Before the event, over \$2,100 has been raised. Thank you Friends of the Library.
- Guy, Jenna(from the Land trust) and Keagan have been planning the 4th annual Winter Wednesday Speaker Series. We will once again partner with Healthy Roots Collaborative.
- Books are being weeded from adult non-fiction. Next up will be to weed the kids picture book section for the first time.
- 45 people came to make an ornament with CryBabyClay. It was a great success.
- Volunteers will be spending this week making houses for the graham cracker house decorating this coming Saturday.
- Keagan has been in discussion with a web designer in Burlington. This will be to rebuild the library site so it flows better.

Statistics: Listen Up Vermont usage is up over last year. Other usage is commensurate with 2023. Kanopy plays are up from 2023.

Old & Ongoing Business

Select Board Meeting: Liz and Ken went to the Select Board and presented the proposed budget. The level funding proposal was well received.

Solar Project Update: The second installation on the Health Center is scheduled to start December 11. Weather may be a problem, so Kristen will work with the master scheduler. But ideally all the panels will be installed before December 31 and reporting completed to the DOE for reimbursement.

Ken asked VT League of Cities and Towns about insurance coverage to cover the value of the solar panels on the Library building. The building value will be adjusted to cover the value of the panels now that installation is complete. The insurance premium increase on the West building will be billed to the Condominium Association after installation is complete. The premium increase will be paid for by the library.

New Business

Joint Meeting with Foundation: This conversation started with the recent downturn in fundraising. The idea is to have a joint fundraising meeting with the Foundation and Trustees to create a longer term goal for branding, marketing, and fundraising. One proposal is to hold the two meetings back to back in January 2025.

March Trustees Elections: In March 2025 Gabby's one year term will be up as will Ken's two year term. Both agreed to run again. Petitions will need to be signed

Vermont Author for 2025: The Worthen Vermont Author has been folded into the Speaker Series. Julia Alvarez, Chris Bohjalian, and Katherine Arden are at the top of the list.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in person.** Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

- ☒ Ken
- ☒ Natalie
- ☒ Liz
- ☐ Keagan
- ☒ Kristen
- ☐ Gabby