

## JUNE 27, 2023 – DRAFT MINUTES KEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.

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

MAY MINUTES: Add Keene to Rotary Club to distinguish from second org in town and correct spelling of Budakoti. Jane moved, Pam seconded and minutes approved unanimously.

FINANCE: Judy presented the trustee budget with trustee held funds of 35k. Due to accounting guidelines for the anticipated annual funds from the Friends, the budget was amended (beyond trustee held funds only) to include the 55k from them. Jane moved, Yves seconded and the budget was approved. There were no June donations to accept.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: No meeting.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: No meeting.

LONG RANGE PLANNING: Kathleen KB hoped the board had reviewed the draft Strategic Plan circulated at the last meeting as there would be a motion to approve that evening. There was general approval of the document but some discussion around the new shortened mission statement. Ultimately, it was agreed that the longer statement in place for a number of years now would be referred to as our Purpose Statement. KKB noted that the SP was due to be reviewed annually as well and tweaked as needed. Pam moved; Jane seconded that the draft document be approved as is – passed unanimously. Marti will coordinate printing and distribution to participants and community partners and copies will be available in the library.

FINE ARTS: Display cases are being researched. Meet next July 10<sup>th</sup>.

POLICY: Did not meet.

FKPL: Annual meeting held. Casino draw for one night approximately 7k, with another night coming up later this summer. Membership has expanded and next book sale will be held in October.

COLONY MUSEUM: No meeting.

CHESHIRE COUNTY LITERACY COMMITTEE: Did not meet.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Excitement building around the new "Gear" Library which will have a variety of outdoor equipment to start lending as early as July (tent, camping equip, small foldable kayak). Check it out! Summer lunch program underway for both children and adults.

OLD BUSINESS: Kathleen KB reminded board that Fine Arts hopes to have dedication of story boards in Ashuelot River Park in late July (29<sup>th</sup>?) when the Weeks siblings will be in town. More to come. Jane, in Bill's absence, noted that this was the final meeting for outgoing members Chuck Redfern and Kathleen Kennedy Burke. They were thanked for their service and will be missed. Nominating committee will meet this summer to work on filling the three vacancies.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Jane indicated the need to go into non-public session to discuss a personnel matter. Pam Slack moved, Kathleen P seconded, motion to go in to non-public session – passed unanimously.

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:15 pm. Pam moved, Jane seconded, motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session- passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20.

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Kennedy Burke, Sec'y