



Lee Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 5:30 pm at the Lee Library

Present: Trustees Tom Coakley, Annie Gasowski, Katrinka Pellecchia, Deb Schanda, Emily Woodall; alternate trustee Peg Dolan; Library Director Hayley Van-Gils; Isobel Carter.

Public Comments. The trustees discussed with Isobel Carter some ideas for renovation of the children's area, such as different colored areas for books aimed at different ages and interests.

January minutes. Motion to accept the January 11 minutes: Emily/Annie; passed. Motion to accept the January 18 public hearing minutes; Emily/Tom; passed.

Treasurer's Report. Balances as of January 31: Operations, \$15,975.79; Non-Lapsing, \$7,833.12; CD: \$33,532.29. Motion to accept: Katrinka/Annie; passed.

Leitz memorial. Katrinka will get estimates from the plaque company NHLTA uses.

Grants. The ALA grant for rural libraries is due Feb 28, 2023. The trustees discussed various upgrades that would improve accessibility – bathroom, multi-level craft sink area, automatic door, etc. Research needs to be done on the Community Development Finance Authority grants. Katrinka will be scheduling a discussion with Amy Dixon to discuss how to improve our Moose Plate applications. Deb has been contacting our representatives, our state senator has offered to write letters of support where needed.

Fundraising. Peg delivered the letter that she and Katrinka had worked on and delivered it to S&J. She hopes to hear in the next several weeks regarding a meeting.

Renovations. Contracts are being worked on; the trustees will ask to be put on the February 21 Select Board agenda in order to update the Board. The trustees discussed the email from Matt Rusteika regarding heat pumps and agreed that it was more economical and sustainable to use the existing furnaces (which are not that old) and re-use the existing ductwork, cleaning and insulating it. At some future point, when the equipment needs to be replaced, using heat pumps could be considered.

Candidates Forum. The forum will be held March 1, at 6 pm and be a hybrid Zoom/in-person event. There are four candidates running for the two library trustee positions, two candidates vying for the Select Board position, and unopposed candidates for the town clear, cemetery trustee, advisory budget committee and trustee of the trust funds position.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm; motion made, Annie/Emily; passed. The next scheduled meeting is March 8, 2023, at 5 pm.