# MYERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 21, 2023

Present: Mel Feather, Iza Nowak, Jim Hale, Toni Stone, Sue Richards, Rhonda Haick,

Larry Marvell, Paul Bell, Bob Piede and Roxy Gray

Absent: Jason Bussman and Janelle Grey

The meeting was called to order by Mel Feather, Board President at 6:30 PM.

The minutes from the January 2023 meeting were reviewed by members. A correction was made to add Toni Stone to those present. Larry Marvell motioned to accept the minutes with the correction. Seconded by Toni Stone. Carried.

### Treasurer's Report:

As of 2-28-23, investments were down 1.62% since last meeting, but up 1.62% since 12-31-22.

In regards to the budget, the \$30,000 from the Town of Carroll was received and deposited this date.

\$1,098 received from the Campbell Trust, \$410 from the Diane Crandall Memorial Fund, and \$428 from the Warn Fund. (The above three are all entrusted to the Community Foundation.)

Funds received in February and March for \$1580. Money generated monthly on or about the 16th.

We are over the estimated budget!

Larry Marvell made a motion to pay customary bills. Jim Hale seconded.

Director's Report: (Please see attached.)

Iza reports the level of attendance has return since the completion of the renovations.

Game mornings are held weekly on Tuesdays, with an average of 6 in attendance.

"Ladies of the Long Table" socialization group continue to gather on Wednesdays.

The grant for the Summer Reading Program this year is \$8,060. As per last year, we will pay the cost, then be reimbursed.

There will be an Infinity Program, Magic Show and a Theater Performance this summer.

The sidewalk chalk event will be held in July.

Frewsburg Community Yard Sales will be held June 9,10,11. The library hotdog sale will occur on the 10th.

#### **Construction Grant:**

Iza received the grant request, but the State has requested additional information regarding the carpet and window treatments. She feels confident, we should be okay and we will receive the \$15,000 which the State held back.

#### Buildings/Grounds:

Elevator: Belco wants 50% down before ordering the parts. The total cost will be \$18,800 as we have a \$2500 deductible. The insurance will pay the balance. We are currently awaiting the check. When the \$15,000 is received from the State, we can proceed with the needed brick work. The front door will require sanding and painting also. The approximate quote is about \$6,800. Paul will contact them to schedule the project.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The bushes out front need replaced. It was agreed the foliage should not block the basement windows. Mary Erlandson has suggested cyprus bushes. Paul made a motion to "buy landscaping needed for the front of the library building." Bob seconded. Carried. Paul and Jim have repaired the peeled paint in the downstairs bathroom. The sensor on the

front light has also be fixed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Carroll Historical Society President, Harold Bennett has informed us he has prepared wording for the plaque to be placed on the library building. Bob Piede recommended Paul, Jason and Iza approve the wording on this plaque.

For our information, Mel presented various newspaper articles on area libraries who are seeking sustainable funding.

(See attached.)

Discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxy Gray, Board Secretary