

MINUTES OF THE BROOKFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEETING
January 24, 2024

Minutes from the November meeting were accepted

Financial Report: Dan reports that the Library Budget submitted to the Town has no significant changes and has been accepted by the Selectboard. Our finances continue to do well along with our current economy. He will send the current financial statements to Emily this month for her perusal. Dan also requests Board approval for reimbursement for Library expenses in 2023. These total \$262.46. Approval granted for this.

Librarian Report: Laura has completed and submitted the Annual Library Report to the State. She also noted that many of our current patrons don't visit our "brick and mortar" building but access only on-line materials, an interesting transition for us. Graphic novels and books are becoming increasingly popular causing Laura to rearrange, cull and move parts of our collection. Audiobooks consisting of CDs are rarely borrowed leaving her to decide to liquidate the collection, but to whom? Laura will check with local schools and with Morgan Orchards and the Randolph Senior Center. Starr will check with Mayo in Northfield.

Programming Ideas: Laura will check with the Vermont Center for EcoStudies as their previous programs here have been popular. Someone on the Board will check with Jon Binhammer about programming from the Brookfield Conservation Commission and 2 River Ottoquechee.

Starr has offered to do a presentation on her trip to the Galapagos Islands

The solar eclipse will happen in Brookfield VT from 3:25-3:31 on April 8.

Laura will contact the Brookfield Elementary School to see if we can offer a program on their grounds. She will also look to purchase eclipse viewing glasses for participants.

Susan has contacted local author Kathy Elkind for a presentation of her book, "To Walk it is to See It". This will hopefully take place at the OTH in early summer.

Other Business: A great way to move discarded books along is to have a box at future events for participants to take. Dan will check with the Old Town Hall about having a bookcase there that the Library can keep filled with more books for distribution.

Amy has sent a note to stonemason Brad Downen about his Spring plans to build the patio outside the Library. She has been unable to reach him by phone. We are hoping to have construction completed by the early June Community Potluck at the Old Town Hall.

-Next Board Meeting date is Wednesday March 20 @ 6:30 pm.