

Readfield Community Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 8th, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm. The meeting was held in person at the Giles Hall and by Zoom. Trustees in person were Jennifer Bonnefond, Pat Clark, Jackie Drouin, Chris Olson, and Deb Peale. Attending by Zoom were Maureen Erb and Brenda Lake. Excused were Pam Mitchell and Sonya Clark. Also present was our librarian Melissa Small.

Secretary's Report: Pat made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting. Deb seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: The board will review both October and November Financial Reports at the December meeting.

New Business:

December events:

Hanukkah: The library will have an event on Monday December 11, 2023.

Christmas \Through the Ages: The Library will participate in a Christmas Through the Ages joint fundraiser with the Readfield Historical Society and the Readfield Union Meeting House on December 9, 2023.

Love to Stitch crafting group: Tuesdays between 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

Holiday closures: On Wednesday, November 22nd, the library will close at 5:00 pm. It will be closed all day on Monday, December 25, 2023 and Monday January 1, 2024.

Possible Grand Opening (of upstairs): Pat made a motion to have our Grand Opening event in January of 2024 or when the upstairs is fully completed. Brenda seconded. All approved.

Community Tree Lighting: Deb created a "How To" run event document that will be housed in the shared Google folder. Event will happen Friday, December 1, 2023 at 6:30pm with a rain date of December 3, 2023 at 4:00 pm. The tree will be donated by Steve DeAngelis, owner of Mr. D's Christmas Trees in Readfield. Brenda made a motion to relocate the Santa and cookies/cocoa portion of the Tree Lighting event to Gile Hall, with the tree lighting and caroling with Maranacook Middle School Singers still happening outdoors at the Library. Deb seconded. All approved.

Old Business:

Building Renovation and Updates: The electrical panel has been switched to 240. CMP came and added for outside. Electrician will start the work the week of November 13th starting with upstairs, then the adult room, and then outside. Sanding and wall patchwork has been started upstairs and will need a second round of sanding. Board agreed that the upstairs exit door does not need to be painted.

Library Report: The board asked about any trustees' concerns or thoughts for putting together next year's budget. Pat suggested a children's picnic table. Melissa suggested talking to the Rec group about having one. We also discussed the possibility of installing a heat pump for the upstairs back room. The Board of Trustees will have a budget-approving meeting by Zoom on December 13th at 6:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02. Pat made a motion. Jackie seconded. All approved.