

## **Milton Public Library**

### **Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

#### **Milton Library Community Room, 6 pm October 11, 2023**

Present: Tracey Hughes -Chair, Lauren Blume —Vice-Chair, Beth Bouchard – Treasurer, Secretary - Alan Fletcher, Mike Thompson - member at large, Matthew Davis – Director, Public: Shannon Gunderson, Allison Duquette, Chris Taylor, Jenn Taylor, Lorraine Helm, Mary Beth Peterson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm, motion by Tracey Hughes and seconded by Alan Fletcher. All were in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Adjustments: None

Public Forum: Staff member noted that there have been a lot of calls to the library about issues popping up on social media about funding. Not all the calls have been pleasant and have caused some stress with the staff. A person from the public said how much she appreciated the wonderful staff and the opportunities at the library, but was upset about comments brought up on social media by a trustee and that it was hurtful.

Approval of September 6, 2023 Minutes: Tracey Hughes motioned to accept library minutes from the September 6, 2023 meeting with amendments that include the correct spelling of names and changing the word agenda to minutes. Mike Thompson seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Friends Report: Money has been moved into an interest bearing account. Baskets are being accepted for craft show. Looking for more volunteers on 11/11/23 from 12:30-4:30

Staff Feedback: None

Director's Report: The director is in the process of updating storage of library material to the cloud. The MFCC is looking for a new director. This may impact the play group, but hopefully this will continue as in the past. A number of successful and well attended events have taken place in the last month including: The Silver Screen movie night, several book groups, Teen movie night with pizza. Halloween figures are on display throughout the library. Dungeon and Dragons group will be meeting bi-monthly starting soon. The Night Sky program will be on November 1st. Budget season is coming up in November. The long term the budget direction will be to grow salaries and to replace part time with full time staff.

Treasurer's Report: Trustees account was shared.

Behavior Policy: Lauren Blume motioned to accept the Rules of Conduct Policy including an amendment to strike the line "Is inconsistent with the purpose of the library". The motion seconded by Tracey Hughes. All were in favor, motion passed.

Public Internet Access, Computer Use, And Safety Policy: Lauren Blume motioned to accept the Public Internet Access, Computer Use, And Safety Policy as written. Tracey Hughes seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

Library Budget/Funding: Reviewed parts of data from the Vermont Public Library Survey to get a sense of how Milton Public Library compares to other libraries. Discussed the possibility of creating a sub committee to look at budget suggestions for future budgets.

New Business for Next Agenda:

Budget review

Adjournment: Mike Thompson motioned to Adjourn. Lauren Blume seconded, All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm. Next meeting is November 1, 2023 at 6:00pm