**Library Board of Trustees**

**Griswold Memorial Library**

**Meeting Minutes**

**April 25, 2022 6pm by Zoom**

1. **Opening**
   1. Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm

Roll call Trustees: Nancy, Jill, Betsy, Cheli

Library staff: Chelsea

Regrets: Mike

* 1. Land acknowledgement
  2. Team agreements

1. **Approval of meeting agenda**

Amendment: add “Building & Grounds” to ongoing business. Betsy made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Jill seconded. Agenda approved.

1. **Approval of previous meeting minutes**

Tabled until next meeting.

1. **Reports**
   1. **Director’s Report**

Additions to DR: The Earth Day event was a great success!

About 40 people attended, with some new families visiting and new library card sign-ups. The modular stage was constructed, installed, and ready to use for the event. It was a beautiful example of Colrain community. / Re: Apess Day. The Nolumbeka Day of Remembrance is scheduled for the same day as the GML’s William Apess Day. Discussed whether to still hold some kind of commemorative holiday with suggested actions and resources. / Still no response from Pine Hill about sharing the modular stage. A Walk-in Wellness program is set to begin in July, with public health nurses available to connect Colrainers to wellness resources. No word yet on any grants that have been submitted. Circulation stats are good, but would like to get more people back into the practice of browsing and coming into the library now that pandemic restrictions are relaxed. Pop-ups at the transfer station will start up again soon.

~Betty joined the meeting at 6:36pm~

Betsy moved we accept the Director’s Report. Jill seconded. DR approved.

**b. Treasurer’s Report**

Trustees reviewed Treasurer’s Report. There were no questions. Next month Betty will look ahead toward the end of the fiscal year. Betsy moved we accept the Treasurer’s Report. Jill seconded. TR accepted.

1. **Ongoing Business**
   1. **Governance Committee**

No updates.

* 1. **Fundraising Committee**

The committee reports discussion on the modular stage, which The

Friends of the Library helped fund with $1,000; the name of the committee itself; and the relationship among the Board of Trustees, Friends, and Fundraising Committee. It was noted that the GML’s most successful fundraising has come from our mailer through The Friends.

* 1. **FY2023 budget**

There have been some discrepancies among the versions of the budget between the GML and the town. Currently, there is a difference of $400 more in staffing and $1100 more overall. Betty moved we accept the most recent budget figure represented by the town. Jill seconded. All in favor.

* 1. **Candidate’s Night**

Discussed plans for hosting Candidate’s Night both in-person and online.

1. **New Business**
   1. **Gift Acknowledgement**

Tabled until next meeting.

* 1. **Busts**

Further discussion about what to do with the eight busts in the library and

whether they should be kept or removed. There is concern about their safety (falling off a shelf and causing injury) and symbolism. And there is nostalgia for their presence in the library and the museum experience they give to patrons.

~Betty left the meeting at 7:26pm~

Discussion to be continued at a future meeting.

1. **Retrospective**
2. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Next meeting scheduled for May 16, at 6pm, by Zoom.

*Respectfully submitted by Cheli Mennella*