**Griswold Memorial Library Board of Trustees**

**Meeting Minutes**

**April 24, 2023 6:00 pm by Zoom**

1. **Opening**
   1. Meeting called to order at 6:12 pm after technical difficulties.

Roll call: Nancy, Betsy, Betty, Jill, Cheli, Marty, Chelsea, Ellen

* 1. Land acknowledgement
  2. Team agreements

1. **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Betsy moved we approve the agenda. Betty seconded. Agenda approved.

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Betsy moved we approve the special meeting minutes of February 6. Betty seconded. February 6 minutes approved.

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

Of note: Ellen evened out the areas where the snowplow made

divots; Read to Lamby’s mom Roxanne asked about a speaker’s fee, and if she could use her honorary money to purchase fresh flowers for the circulation desk; the budget is moving toward Town Meeting; Chelsea was asked to write an article for the warrant about moving $35K from free cash; Paula helped rework the budget spreadsheet for the town.

<Jill joined meeting at 6:22 pm>

Betty moved we accept the Director’s Report as written and added to. Betsy seconded. Director’s Report accepted.

* 1. Treasurer’s Report

Trustees reviewed Treasurer’s Report. Betty met with Chelsea with an

update on hours staff can put in before the end of the FY. Jill made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Cheli seconded. Treasurer’s Report accepted.

Betty met with Paula, and they are working on moving the final three funds not currently under the Town’s tutelage to the Town. The funds will still be under the Trustees’ supervision, but since we are using the town's tax id, it is better to have it consolidated in town accounts. The Trustees need to make a motion to put Paula’s signatory on the accounts so that funds can be turned over to town-held accounts. This was recommended by Brian from Bartholomew, the town's investment broker, because the Town Treasurer is the only signatory and custodian of the current town accounts

Betty made a motion the Trustees vote only Town of Colrain Treasurer, currently Paula Harrison, as the signatory and custodian of the accounts Virtus, Columbia Threadneedle and Wells Fargo. Jill seconded. Vote: All in favor. Motion approved.

* 1. Governance Committee

The Finance Committee approved the library budget. Governance

work on a “Reconsideration Policy” continues.

1. **New Business**
   1. Candidate’s Night

All systems go for April 26.

* 1. William Apess Day

The event is scheduled for Sunday, May 21. Chelsea is pulling together

ideas and loose plans for a morning event at 11 am.

1. **Ongoing Business**
   1. Busts of historical figures

Discussed the idea of selling the historical busts of Cicero, Bach,

Longfellow, Cesar, Columbus, Lincoln, Washington, and Plato. Trustees are tasked with considering the scope of the collection and whether the GML is the best custodians for the pieces, while weighing the pros and cons of such a move. Questions about prevailing prices of the busts (if they are to be sold), if the busts must be sold as a set or individually, and where the busts originally came from (possibly the Griswolds?) were raised. More discussion to follow at next meeting.

* 1. MOU with Franklin County Sheriff’s Office

Tabled until next month.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for May 15, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Cheli Mennella*