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Gilford Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Jan. 8, 2025 Meeting

Attending: Katherine Dormody, Alexis Jackson, Thom Francoeur, Mike Marshall, Diane Tinkham, Peter Ellis

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Alexis Jackson at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the Dec. meeting were discussed. Thom made a motion to accept them with a minor change, seconded by Peter, and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

None

Reports

Circulation

- Numbers are about the same as Dec. 2024.
- Digital audiobook are very popular and usage had a large increase this year.

Programs

- 773 people attended adult programs, 14% increase from 2024.
- The most well attended Children's program was Gingerbread House making with 150 people over 4 sessions. Mrs. Claus Storytime was also very popular.

Budget

- We won't be over budget for 2024.

Volunteers

- 32 volunteers put in 200.5 hours in December.
- Many library volunteers and Friends helped with the Candlelight Stroll.

Treasure

- Investments were down in December but up overall for the year.

Old Business

Friends Update

- The Friends' membership drive is going well.
- The sponsorship of the exercise classes has brought in many new members.

- Kathy Meierjurgan and Nan Fay were very helpful packing up Christmas decorations.

HVAC System

- The Tech Services area has not been working well but a very good technician has been servicing on it.

Mechanical Plans/CIP Request

- The Selectmen increased the warrant article for the new heating system to 225K as we had requested. It will be paid for under Surplus Funds.

Candlelight Stroll

- A great success!
- Substantial donations on that night and the horse and carriage were very popular.
- The committee meets on Jan. 11 to discuss future Strolls and the need for new people to serve in leadership roles.

Budget 2025

- Budget hearing is on January 16th at 7PM
- Deliberative Session is on Feb. 4th
- Voting on March 11th.

New Business

A. Annual Report

- Katherine is working on the Annual Report for 2024.

B. Eagle Scout Project

- Oliver Leandro is planning with Katherine to do a landscaping project for the Library. He will be improving the outdoor reading area at the end of the building.

C. Personnel

Diane moved, Mike seconded, all voted in favor and Chair Alexis moved us into Executive Session at 10:42 to discuss personnel issues. At 10:51, Thom moved, and Peter seconded, all voted in favor to move out of Exec. Session and back into regular meeting.

D. Volunteer

- A volunteer fell outside in the parking lot with no major injury.

Thom made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Peter seconded, all voted in favor and Chair Alexis adjourned the meeting at 10:58.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 12 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Tinkham
Secretary, GPL Board of Trustees