Wadhams Free Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

January 18, 2024

Annie called the meeting to order at 7:05. Present were Judy R, Deirdre, Liz, Mary, Joan, Eve, Annie, Ray, Kris, and Bridgette. Absent were Marilyn and Matt.

A motion was made by Mary to accept the minutes of the December 7 meeting with minor changes. This was seconded by Ray and passed by all.

Liz reported that Tim Brookes will be giving a lecture on Endangered Alphabets on January 24th at the Library. Tim brought several of his wood carvings which are currently displayed at the Library and Dogwood Bakery. Tim’s information on World Endangered Writing Day January 23rd can be found on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=43pzR1OnXBE>.

Information on indigenous and minority writing systems and the people who are trying to save them can be found here. <https://www.endangeredalphabets.net/>.

The Library Budget for 2024 was presented and discussed. A motion was made by Deirdre to accept the Budget. Seconded by Bridgette and passed by all.

Eve moved to elect the following slate of officers for 2024: President – Annie McKinley; Vice President – Marilyn Trienens; Secretary – Ray Matteau; Treasurer – Mary Burke. This was seconded by Joan and passed by all.

Mary motioned to renew Joan Lilly and Kris Stevens’ five year terms as Board members. Seconded by Annie and passed by all. Jen Newberry resigned from the Board due to time constraints. A discussion was held about new Board member possibilities.

The Secretary took the job of keeping track of the mandatory yearly Library Board training.

Annie reported meeting with other presidents of local nonprofits to discuss programs and projects for the solar eclipse taking place on April 8th. The area expects a substantial influx of people to view the eclipse and it was suggested keeping the Library open and possibly scheduling the Spring Brunch for that weekend.

2024 meetings are January 18, March 21, May 9, August 8, September 19, and November 21 at 7PM.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:12 to discuss confidential matters.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29.