

ATL TRUSTEE MEETING
November 18, 2024

Attendance: Amy Lapointe, Nancy Baker, Nancy Head, Gretchen Pyles, Steve Mantius, David Hallenbeck, Jim Kuhnert (Remote)

Public meeting called to order at 5:20 p.m. by Mrs. Baker.

Minutes of October 21st Board Meeting: Mr. Mantius moved to approve the October Library Board of Trustees meeting minutes; Mr. Hallenbeck seconded; all were in favor.

Director's Report:

- **Statistics:** October statistics reviewed
- **Programs:** New Cookbook Club starting with a cookie swap on December 12th
- **Friends of the Library:** Jewelry Sale scheduled for December 7th
- **Photos:** Boardman Concert, Teens made "book turkeys"; toddlers participated in a costume parade

New Gifts:

- \$294.97 from Friends of the Amherst Town Library; motion to accept gift passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report:

- The library is operating under budget through a third of the year.

Old Business:

- FY26 Budget reviewed; Amy Lapointe and Steve Mantius met with some of the Town Ways and Means Committee members on October 31st to review the proposed budget.

New Business:

- **Staff Holiday:** Staff will celebrate the holidays at the staff meeting on December 16th at 8:30 a.m.; Nancy Head will organize gifts and Nancy Baker will bake cookies
- **Personnel:** Laura Paryl will fill the Library Assistant I position at Grade 3, Step 1; motion to approve hiring passed unanimously

Topics from Trustees:

- **Community Conversations:** Discussed citizen engagement in public libraries; discussed ways to have facilitated open conversations if there is demand; if move forward, possibly see how it is being done in other libraries
- **Artificial Intelligence:** Discussed ways artificial intelligence may impact libraries and trustees

Mr. Mantius moved to close the meeting at 6:56; Mr. Hallenbeck seconded; all were in favor.

The next ATL Trustee meeting is January 13, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.