

ATL TRUSTEE MEETING

January 9, 2023

Attendees: Nancy Baker, Bill Cassidy, Mike Enriquez, David Hallenbeck. Nancy Head (Remote), Amy Lapointe, Liz Larson, Steve Mantius, Gretchen Pyles, Special attendee: Jim Kuhnert

Public meeting called to order at 5:35 PM by Nancy Baker.

Ms. Pyles motioned to approve the November LBOT meeting notes, Mr. Cassidy 2nd all were in-favor.

Directors Report:

- **Stats:** Circulation remains strong, but the usual holiday slow-down was felt.
- **Programs:** The upcoming slate of programs is impressive including two winter concerts booked. The intriguing Souhegan HS Perspectives Community Read was highlighted.
- **Book Clubs:** Well attended, generally.
- **Personnel:** The library is fully staffed.
- **Facilities:** Some discussion on the impending need to decide on a front door color. Red was found in photos from the early 1980s. Further research in library records will continue.

New Gifts:

- Bill Stoughton: \$100
- Candace Rapf: \$3,000

Treasurer's Report:

- The updated budget was reviewed. The library is operating under budget currently. Some comparison was done to other departments in the Town of Amherst. Utility costs are the largest, uncontrolled cost increase.

Old Business:

- By Laws subject was covered. Some outside help may be sought.
- A continued discussion of the Strategic Plan ensued. More refinement will take place.
- The subject of public surveys was covered highlighted by expert commentary from Mr. Kuhnert. No decisions were made regarding any future surveys.

New Business:

- None

Mr. Hallenbeck motioned to close the meeting at 6:33 PM, Ms. Head 2nd - all were in-favor.

Several board members remained in the balcony to virtually attend the Amherst Public Budget Hearing.

The next ATL Trustee meeting is February 20th, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by Mike Enriquez