

## ATL TRUSTEE MEETING

January 8, 2024

Attendees: Nancy Baker, Bill Cassidy, Toni Dinkel, Mike Enriquez, David Hallenbeck, Nancy Head, Jim Kuhnert, Amy Lapointe, Liz Larson, Steve Mantius, Gretchen Pyles.

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Informal Trustee reunion was held at 5:00 PM including refreshments (Thank you, Mr. Cassidy). Trustee terms reaching conclusion include Mr. Baker and Mr. Enriquez. Ms. Baker will run for another term, Mr. Enriquez will not.

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Public meeting called to order at 5:36 PM by Nancy Baker.

November LBOT minutes were reviewed and entered into the record. Ms. Dinkel motioned – Ms. Larson 2<sup>nd</sup> - All were in favor.

### Directors Report:

- **Stats:** Door count and overall usage were not as low as we normally see during the traditionally slower season, Thanksgiving through NYE. Generally, 2023 was a strong year.
- **Programs:**
  - Job seekers group has been well received.
  - Winter concert season is eagerly anticipated.
  - Nancy Baker hosting “Nocturnal Painting” virtually.
  - Youth services is cranking up including ‘tweener’ make and take crafts for teens “Reading Dragons”, a Pokemon-esque card game gaining attention
- **Resources:**
  - GMILCS app evolving
  - New website launching soon
- **Personnel:** Staff underwent “C.R.A.S.E.” training (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) with Amherst Town Police – New police puppy made an electric appearance
- **Friends of the Library:** April 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 is the date for Trivia Night
- **Facilities:** Library will be closed on January 15<sup>th</sup> - MLK day
- **Legislative:** Ms. Lapointe distributed NHLA missive detaining upcoming House Bills affecting Libraries across the state

### New Gifts:

- None

### Treasurer’s Report:

- The updated expense report was reviewed. The library is operating under budget

- Proposed FY25 budget includes estimates for some employees joining NH Retirement System.

**Old Business:**

- Strategic plan work continues with Mr. Hallenbeck - goals, calendar will be added/edited

**New Business:**

- NH Retirement discussed as alternate to current retirement benefit

Mr. Mantius motioned to close the meeting, Mr. Hallenbeck 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

Trustees together attended (virtually) the town Board of Selectmen public budget hearing FY25