

Cobleigh Public Library Trustees' Meeting Minutes

Date: 2/18/25

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm

Attending: Bryn Hoffman, Hilary Adams, Sylvia Dodge, Paula Pearce, Jessica Simpson, Mary Thomas

Minutes:

Sylvia motioned to approve minutes of the January meeting, and Hilary seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – presented by Paula Pearce

Investments yielded a net gain of \$63,511.96 for 2024.

We need a budget report from the town before we can say what the monthly payout will be for 2025.

Librarian's Report – presented by Bryn Hoffman

Budget meeting with town went well. They will put the shortfall amount from 2024 in the town budget.

Passumpsic Bank has pledged a donation to the library. Amount as yet undisclosed.

We have made an application for the White Market round-up to support the Book Mobile. The library is considering buying an electric van for the Book Mobile.

Bryn is meeting with the Town Planning Committee about installation of an electric charging station, which could generate some income for the Library; Step 1 to pursuing the electric Book Mobile.

John Rozum started on February 3.

Friends' Report – presented by Bryn

Bake sale earned nearly \$700.

Old Business

Elevator is still broken. The quote to repair has been revised to \$15,600. Otis requires payment in advance. The Town will pay for it. The contract with Otis ends at the end of March, 2025. Quotes will be sought from other companies for future elevator maintenance and repair.

New Business

Hiring Committee (Hilary, Jess, Arcelie, Garrett, Bryn) will start interviewing soon with two candidates and possibly a third.

May expand advertising for the position.

Edward Jones representative, Joe LeClair

MT motioned to pause meeting 5:55 pm to wait for Joe to arrive. SD seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting resumed at 6:00 pm with arrival of Joe. The year ended well. (See Treasurer's report.) Joe discussed investment progress of various Library funds

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New Business (cont.)

for 2024, showing prospectuses.

There was some discussion of library fund restrictions and whether the funds are unrestricted and can be used for anything, or whether restrictions were established at the time of donation.

Bryn will research investment restrictions in the by-laws.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

March 26, 5:30 pm

MT motioned to adjourn at 6:30 pm., and SD seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Thomas