



Whitingham Free Public Library  
P.O. Box 500  
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**November 2, 2022**

Present: Catherine Bell, Tanya Bernard, Edie Brigham, Maryann Cheveralls, Adam Ranslow, and Kristine Sweeter, Director

Call to order at 5:38 p.m.

No public comments.

Adam made a motion to accept the September 28, 2022 meeting minutes. Tanya seconded and all voted in favor.

Director's Report:

Fundraising: More than \$4,000 has been received from this year's annual appeal. An additional \$1,180 from the previous year's appeal is also reflected in this fiscal year. The book sale held at the Ladies Benevolent Society's Craft Fair earned \$115 and \$175 has been received so far from the Holiday 50/50 raffle.

Halloween: This year's event went very well. The Deerfield Valley Lions Club and the Whitingham Fire Department participated. Sixty-five people voted on 45 carved pumpkins. The addition of the Trunk or Treat was a success.

2023-2024 Budget: A discussion of the initial draft of the budget took place. The Halifax appropriation will be increased by \$500 to \$5,000. The budget will be finalized in December after additional information is received.

Book Sales: The library will no longer have a bi-annual book sale as it is not cost effective. Leftover books are difficult to dispose of and Kristine has tried utilizing the Baker & Taylor Sustainable Shelves program but the financial result does not warrant the time and effort involved in processing and shipping the books. Future book sales will take place at smaller local events.

The Board agreed to have a book sale during the Holiday Bazaar to be held at the Municipal Center on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. The sale will be held in the library. Trustees will help as needed.

Cliff Rural Library Grant: The kickoff event will be held at the Halifax School on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, with Simon Brook, storyteller. The grant required that pre-school age children participate as well. Kristine has reached out to the Halifax Pre-School and is awaiting their response. Alternatively, a program will be held at the library. A Cliff mini-grant of \$250 was also received to be used for a related project. Kristine is looking into Scholastic's thematic Book Packs with a view to sharing these with the children who are homeschooled.

There will be a 6-week afterschool program offered to K-2 children at the Readsboro Elementary School. It is a WINGS, Whitingham Library, Readsboro Library and Southern Vermont Natural History Museum collaboration.

Next meeting: The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, December 5, 2022.

Cathy made a motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Adam seconded and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Maryann Cheveralls