



Whitingham Free Public Library  
P.O. Box 500  
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Draft Minutes:  
Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda  
March 2, 2022

In attendance: Edie Brigham, Maryann Cheveralls, Adam Ranslow, Catherine Bell, Kristen Breeden, Tanya Bernard, Kristine Sweeter, Director, M.A. Johnson

Call to order at 5:10 PM

No Public Comments

**February Minutes:**

Maryann made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Adam seconded, all were in favor.

**Trustee Officer Nominations:**

Kristen made a motion to nominate Edie Brigham for Trustee Chair, Kathy seconded, all were in favor. Adam made a motion to nominate Kristen Breeden for Secretary, Maryann seconded, all were in favor.

**Director's Report:**

Programming: Special Rhyme Time Tea Party Event: St. Patty's Day on March on the 14th

Author Event: Robert Goodby will be visiting the library on April 25th.

Kristine and Gina will be participating in workshops for Summer Reading Group programming on March 8th and 10th

**Grants:**

Our Summer Reading Grant Application is due March 14th

There is another federal grant being offered To Vermont, called *The After School and Summer Expanding Access Grant*. Kristine has attended the workshop for this grant, and has already sent a letter of intent. This grant would serve the K-2 population. If we receive it, the grant would open our summer programming up for an additional week in the summer. Since this grant needs to expand "what is already existing," the library would be partnering with Wings. In addition to the grant funding the summer programming, there is a possibility for funding a two day a week after school program for the 2022-2023 school year in both Halifax and Twin Valley Schools. The application is due March 18th and we will hear by April 21st.

**Old Business:**

Mini food pantry has officially been approved. A large library cart will be put in the hallway during library hours. It will contain non-perishables and personal care products will be available. Public donations will be accepted.

**Misc.:**

2022 Town meeting: The Library Budget passed 193-53

Library Trustee Training: The trustees watched a video on the Governance of VT Public Libraries

At 6:53 PM Kristen made a motion at to adjourn, Adam seconded. All were in favor

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Kristine Sweeter  
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Programming:

Winter Story Hour Saturdays / Rhyme Time Mondays

Special St. Patty Rhyme Time Tea Party March 14<sup>th</sup>

Adult Winter Craft Group

Pin Pong is temp cancelled due to covid

April 25<sup>th</sup> Author Event

A Deep Presence: 13,000 Years of Native American History: Pathway Book Service Cart

By Robert G. Goodby 160 Pages, Paperback Release Date: October 11,2021 Almost 13,000 years ago, small groups of Paleoindians endured frigid winters on the edge of a river in what would become Keene, New Hampshire.

❖ Grants:

ARPA Grant

- researching furniture & office chairs

Summer Reading Grant Due March 14<sup>th</sup> (\$200)

❖ Fundraising:

Account balance: \$32, 905

-2021 Annual Appeal to date: \$9,950 (2020-2021 \$5,443 / 2021-2022 \$4557)

-2021-2022 Total fundraising \$\$6,331

❖ -Staff

Kristine & Gina Summer Reading – remote March 8 & 10

❖ 2022 Town Meeting –  
budget passed 193 - 53

❖ 2022 Partnerships

Brattleboro Area Hospice ACP

So. VT Natural History Museum / snow shoes

211/ United Way

WINGS – Summer Camp 1<sup>st</sup> week of August