

Town of Kensington
Public Library Trustee Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2024

Minutes

Present: Susie Gilbert, Director; Susan Bascom, Trustee and Chairperson; Matthew Dow, Trustee and Treasurer; Amanda Morrill, Trustee and Secretary

Meeting called to order: 4:30 pm

December minutes were approved

Statistics:

Visits down from last month and from last year; physical circ and total circ down from last month but up from last year. Total streaming down from last month. Museum usage down.

2024 year end stats- total circ up 12% (1512) from last year, (physical 6% 613 and streaming 1575), visits up 16% (1048) from last year.

Statistics compared 2019 vs 2024 (pre/post covid), see attached

Quick books budget report: budget on track- payroll over for the year, operating expenses under

Upcoming events:

Jan Book Club

Several scheduled for feb/march already

New Business:

-Annual Report (due to town 1/30): reviewed and approved

-Letter to Gov Ayotte: Librarians of the NH Seacoast Cooperative sending letter, trustees approve to have KPL listed specifically in support of the letter

Ongoing Business:

-Internet speed: trustees agree to move ahead on increasing speed, Dana will call Consolidated to get pricing

-Policy on Posting Information by Public: edits made and policy approved

-Friends of library: approved sponsoring \$1900 for museum passes, up to \$500 for new magazine rack, \$300 for Vox children's book readers

Friends are planning Big House Tour for Saturday June 21st, tickets are \$40. Looking for volunteers to be in 5-6 houses.

-Apex: Money has been returned to the account, Apex has been paid for November and December. Will request receipt of payment from Apex going forward.

-Discussed idea of switching to TD bank: town had recently switched to TD bank, library could potentially be protected under their plan. Susie will get more information.

-Library addition: selectman stated cannot support \$3 million bond, suggested use of grange for children's library? Social Trustees and Grange Trustees not in favor of this. Will spend 2025 raising funds to continue moving forward with addition.

Next meeting: Thursday February 20th 4:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:00