

J.A. Tarbell Library  
Minutes  
January 9, 2023

Bob Rogers  
Sally Curran  
Jennifer Howe  
Lou Sorrentino  
Brenda Cassidy  
Ann Harkleroad

Bob called the meeting to order at 2:00.

The November minutes were "found acceptable".

Treasurer's Report: -The 2022 budget was under budget for salaries and over-expended on dues (2023 dues were paid in Dec. 2022), fuel (due to mistake in the Town Report) and electricity.  
-It was noted that library equipment (copier, etc.) should come out of the non-town account.  
-The profit from the wreath sales was \$545, of which \$100 went to a gift certificate for Richard Herforth as a "thank you" for his help. We need to increase prices next year.

Librarian's Report: -The fire alarm continues to go off despite repeated efforts to fix it. MAC Base is becoming concerned and Bob will talk to the selectmen about it.  
-The library received a grant through United Way, \$340 of which will pay for an "Adventure" Program led by Susie Spickle this Saturday, Jan. 14, at Goss Park. Some of the remaining \$1600 will be used to purchase some Learning Kits and board books to reactivate the Books for Babies program.  
-The Library staff is planning some activities for Take a Child to the Library Day on Feb. 4.  
- Anna Romer will teach a class on needle felting on Saturday, January 28.  
-The Library also participates in the "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program with rewards for children who participate.

Old Business:

New Business: -The computer with the catalogue needs to be replaced. Brenda will get a quote.  
-The laptops and Chromebooks cannot be updated anymore. We will think about replacing them next year.

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 6 at 2:00.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Harkleroad, Secretary