

J.A. Tarbell Library
Minutes
March 6, 2023

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

Bob called the meeting to order at 2:00.

The February minutes were accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report: -The treasury is in good shape.
-The town did not forward our Ciardelli fuel bill in a timely manner so we were charged a late fee. Sally has asked Ciardelli to change the address on our account to the library's address.
-A check reflecting grant money has been deposited in the non-town account.

Librarian's Report: -9 people attended the program on rug hooking.
-The staff completed a course on ergonomics offered by Primex (the Municipal insurer) at their most recent staff meeting. The library will undergo an ergonomic assessment.
-Kathleen will be missing work periodically for medical reasons. The other librarians will fill in for her.

Old Business: -Brenda has not yet gotten a quote for a new computer.
-Brenda spoke with the librarian in Greenville who said that there was no interest in that town in having the library host AARP tax preparers. Brenda will look into the program anyhow.
-Bob will contact the high school guidance department to offer space at the library for school tutoring sessions.
-The policy of having 2 people working at the same time was clarified. If it is dark at the time the library closes for the day, 2 people should be scheduled to work.

New Business: -In response to potential budget questions at Town Meeting, Brenda explained that library paperwork was a major reason for increasing library hours.
-There was a question about the value of spending money on library-sponsored programs. The rationale for such programs included the facts that many were underwritten, thus reducing or eliminating cost to the library, and that they are a public service that is popular with townspeople as well as many who do not live in Lyndeborough.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 3 at 2:00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Harkleroad, Secretary