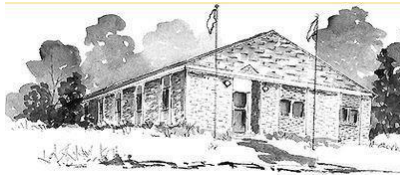


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Sara Walker, Secretary
Bob Giroux, Treasurer
Margot Vanscoy, At Large

Georgia Public Library Trustee Meeting
Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Location: Georgia Public Library
Minutes – Unapproved

Attendance: Ben Ebert, Sara Walker, Bob Giroux, Margot Vanscoy – By phone: Bridget Stone

1. Call to order: 6:02pm
2. Opportunity to add or remove items
3. Public Appearances: N/A
4. Secretary's Report: Attendance taken and minutes from previous meeting review and approval
 - a. Bob moves to accept minutes from December meeting as written, Margot seconds, all approve.
5. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. 2023 Budget Status - \$803 budget deficit, however clarification on library revenue of up to \$905 may clear this up.
 - b. Status of 2024 budget
 - i. Discussion regarding budget as presented (8.8% increase). Bob and Bridget will meet to ensure the budget aligns with the community's needs, to the best of their ability, given the financial restrictions of this budget.
6. Library Director's Report:
 - a. Annual reports, Town, State
 - i. All stats are up from the previous year!
 - ii. A total of 350 programs offered in 2023, up from 137 the previous year.
 - iii. Program attendance in 2023 was 2,481, up from 911 the previous year.
 - iv. Total physical item circulation for 2023: 14,899 up from 9,243 the previous year
 - b. Personnel
 - i. Hunter Lamore gave her notice. This position will be covered using subs and we will revisit backfilling this position at our next meeting.
 - c. Trustee roster
 - i. 4 open positions: one 3-year term, three 1-year terms
7. Old Business: N/A
8. New Business:
 - a. A thank you card from local individual using the community room was received and read.

9. Executive Session, if needed: A public body may only enter executive session upon a majority vote on a motion made in an open meeting that indicates the reason for going into executive session.¹
10. Public Comment:
11. Concerns for the Selectboard: (NONE or list concerns)
12. Confirm date of next meeting: Feb 20, 2024, 6:00-8:00pm at the library; March 12, 2024 6:00-8:00pm at the library
13. Adjourn: 7:18pm

¹ The only permissible reasons for going into executive session are set forth in 1 V.S.A. § 313. One category, requires the public body to make a specific finding that “premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage” prior to considering one of the following in executive session: contracts; labor relations agreements with employees; arbitration or mediation; grievances, other than tax grievances; pending or probable civil litigation or a prosecution, to which the public body is or may be a party; or confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body. Other things a public body may consider in executive session are: The negotiating or securing of real estate purchase or lease options; The appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, provided that the public body makes its final decision to hire or appoint a public officer or employee in an open meeting and must explain the reasons for its final decision during the open meeting; A disciplinary or dismissal action against a public officer or employee; but nothing in this subsection shall be construed to impair the right of such officer or employee to a public hearing if formal charges are brought; A clear and imminent peril to the public safety; Discussion or consideration of records or documents that are not public documents under the access to public records act. However, when the board discusses or considers the excepted record or document it may not also discuss the general subject to which the record pertains; The academic records or suspension or discipline of students; Municipal or school security or emergency response measures, the disclosure of which could jeopardize public safety. <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/media/514454/A-GUIDE-TO-OPEN-MEETINGS.pdf>