

LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES
JAN. 11, 2017 AT 4:00 AT THE LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Present: Trustees Annie Gasowski, Peg Dolan, Katrinka Pellicchia, Bruce Larson, Bob Simpson, Cindy von Oeyen Alternate Trustee and Library Director Ruth Eifert.

Minutes of Dec. 14, 2016 accepted as amended.

Treasurer's Report of Dec. 14, 2016 accepted. There is \$10,584.27 in the operating budget, \$537.31 in the non-lapsing account and \$6196,84 in the CD.

Library Director's Report: Ruth reported on the digital overdrive circulation from July 2016 to Dec. 2016. Ruth will look into the viability of continuing with the Overdrive Advantage books. Currently, they are 10% of the Overdrive downloads. Programs: The Backyard Farming Initiative Programs will begin on Jan. 23 at the Grange at 7:00 PM. These programs are held in conjunction with the Agricultural Committee. Ruth has created a brochure of suggested reading to go along with the program. All books are available at the library. The Lee Library and the Historical Society will host a presentation on the origins of Arthur Conan Doyle on Jan. 31 at 6; 30 at the Safety Complex. Deliberative Session: Ruth requested that the library be open only from 12-3 to encourage people to attend the Deliberative Session in the morning on Feb. 4 Th. The trustees voted unanimously to do so. 125 Birthday Celebration: A banner celebrating the 125 years of the Lee Library will be placed on the front of the library. On April 21 the library will commemorate its 125th Anniversary. New Employee: Lauren MacLauchlan is our new staff member.

Facilities Committee: Ruth spoke at the Facilities Committee Meeting to discuss usage and circulation and the fact the collection has to be weeded to provide space for new books. She also talked about meeting space. The library holds 300 library events a year so sharing space with others might be a problem; a bigger space might help. The Facilities Committee has a Listening Session tonight (Jan. 11) to get public input for the options they will present. The second Listening Session is Feb. 22 to discuss preliminary costs of each option.

Articles on Draft Warrant and Budget Public Hearing: The trustees amended the wording of the warrant article for repurposing the LPLCC Capital Reserve Fund on the advice of the NHMA counsel. The trustees also drafted a warrant article to take money out of the Library Capital Reserve Fund (\$5,000) to buy furniture.

Budget Decisions: The Select Board reduced the salary of a staff position. The Library Director will question this at the budget hearing on Jan. 17.

Other: Peg will research staff salaries of comparable towns.

The trustees entered into public session to accept donations per PSA 202-A: 4-c; The Linden Family donated \$20 to the library.

The meeting adjourned at 5; 25pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wed. Feb. 8 at 4:00 pm at the library.