

Richmond Free Public Library Trustee Meeting Minutes March 9, 2022 at 10:00 (via Zoom)

Attendees: Nanci McConnell, Katherine Keenum, Kathryn Wilson, Kristin Smith, Candy Mountain

Approval of 1/12/22 minutes – approved with changes

Personnel changes:

- John Mielke has started working on Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-7 pm. He is doing well.
- Madeline Ritrosky started on March 1st and works 9:30-1:00 on Tuesdays
- Volunteer list has grown and volunteers are working in the afternoons

Covid 19 update: Richmond Board of Health has extended the indoor mask requirements for town buildings at least until their next meeting on April 5th. Because of changing mask rules in surrounding states and towns, some patrons are confused or unhappy about the masks still needed.

Richmond Pond Book: the library has a copy and it is circulating. Copies are available for purchase at Bartletts and the bookstore in Lenox.

Mary Pope Osborne event: is scheduled for Saturday April 16th at 11:00 am at the West Stockbridge town hall gym. Kristin has bought copies of Osborne's books for all Richmond Consolidated School K-3 students.

New Library Website: suggestions were made to add the hours, address and library phone number to the opening page. Trustees should send any other suggestions to Kristin (copy all).

Author Ruth Bass new book event was held at Congregational Church basement on March 19th. There were about 40-45 attendees. Ruth is thanking the church with a donation.

New Business:

Ancestry.com – should we renew? Over 2000 searches were made through the library link via home access during 2020 and 2021. Only 17 searches were made in the library! The new license will only allow access within the library, not home use. \$1488/year is too expensive unless we have a larger in-library use, post-pandemic.

Cultural Council funding: they approved funding for the Animal Experience (Amazing Adaptations) on July 9th at 11:00.

Friends report: income tax returns are done and sent in. Non-profit fee to MA has increased from \$35/year to \$70/year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am

Next meeting: Wed, April 13, 2022 at 10:00 am (via Zoom)

Wed, May 11, 2022 at 10:00 am (in person at the library?)