

Approved  
Marc A. Hurzeler, MD Public Library  
Trustee Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 2025

Meeting opened at 6:32.

Those present: Elizabeth Milligan, Chair, Joy McCorkhill, Library Director, Bette Bovio, Leslie Seppala, Brenda Roy and Jeanne Kenison.

Jeanne passed out the minutes for the trustees to review. Liz made a motion to accept the March 13, 2025 minutes as written, seconded by Brenda Roy and accepted by all trustees.

Leslie presented a verbal treasurer's report and stated that she would submit statements to the auditor by the end of the week. She reported that the account is now a business account rather than personal. The checking account balance is \$ 9, 786.46 and the savings account is \$21,700. Liz made a motion to accept the treasurer's verbal report as presented, seconded by Bette Bovio and accepted by all trustees.

#### Director's Notes

Joy stated that it has been a very busy month with all the emails/ legislation she has been sorting through but it is beginning to slow.

Joy is still working on completing the trainings connected with the grant award. There are several and, since she hadn't done the Community Conversation since Covid, she needs to review. Joy states she will have the Community Conversation with Seniors and Coffee as this is her target audience on May 15. She plans to invite Joe Marshall, Selectboard and any FD/EMS reps that can come. The grant money can't be spent until after the conversation and from 5/1/25 through 6/2026. She will know about the other

grant (NE ARSL) for \$5,000 which would cover the cost of the children's room entrance modification.

April 6-12 is National Library Week. The petition has been extended until April 12, if we are interested in putting it out for patrons to sign. Jeanne made a motion to allow Joy to put out a petition to support the federal funding of the States Library for patrons to sign, if they choose, seconded by Liz and accepted by all trustees.

The NHLTA-HB 666 (confidentiality of library records-with fines) and HB 273 (minor child records-parent access) have passed the house and gone to Senate committees. Questions NHLTA/NHLA were really helpful to see how it affected us. Joy suggests contacting our representatives with a personal message via email if we support these bills.

Joy had completed and sent in the Annual Library Survey but on Friday she had been informed that the contract with the vendor that collects the data was cut. They are asking everyone to move up the timeline in hopes that we get something back. Once the budget passes for the next fiscal year, we will have a better idea how defunding all but the statutory required funding for the IMLS is going to trickle down.

Joy gave an update on the Summer Reading Program. The Friends will pay for the Big Games outdoors. Emma is working on Reading Dragons and other ideas for the Level Up at Library theme. She is hoping to start the Reading Dragons with the Heartwood School possibly before the school year end. Joy will take on the Magic the Gathering Program as she has played this before. It is played by 4<sup>th</sup> graders and up so it will be an adjacent program to the Dragon Reading.

Update on Programming: the Heartwood School has their exhibits now at the Crossroads. Rebecca Rule had 55 attendees (weather was lousy) and Jo Radner had 35 attendees. The 19<sup>th</sup> was Humanities on the Road and NHH is supplying everything including most of the publicity. They are pausing all

grants now but will fund those that have been awarded. Rebecca Rule will be in Lancaster 5/18 but presenting NH Trivia Program. Christina Bertin will present a free Sign Language program at noon on Saturday June 21 and 6/28 open to anyone. The program will cover the history of ASL, numbers, letters, common phrases and emergency signs.

Imagination Library Grant in Coos and No Grafton is available through the Whitefield Library, offering a free book a month for kids up to age 5. Much work went into this grant so it would be great to get word out to all the caregivers of young kids. The program is free, without strings attached.

Joy suggested that Emma do a continuing ed course on- line. Joy won't be doing any continuing ed so she can use the \$200 budgeted,

Joy stated that Cori McGrath finally wrote back to her about the shelving and she needs to call her back.

Joy will wait to get on Central Paving's schedule until after 5/11 (NE ARSL Grant) and the community conversation), especially after going through the orientation for the first part of the grant literature.

Joy contacted Sheelah about the smaller Valentine sign. She had put it on the back burner but, yes, she can do one for us.

Joy also needs to submit for the website by the end of May so we can be transferred over by the time Piper Webs shuts down. Since this is a grant possibility, she is waiting for the community discussion. It was also included in the budget for \$3100, if the grant is not awarded.

## New Business

Liz stated that we have the signed Memorandum of Understanding Between the Trustees of the Trust Fund of Jefferson, NH and the MA Hurzeler Library Operating through its' Board of Trustees. Joy will scan this, put it on-line and file the original in the library.

Liz asks that any communication between the library and town office be done by e-mail vs phone.

Liz will check with Amanda to see if they would like us to take on the repair of the broken window in the library.

Next meeting will be May 13 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51.

Jeanne Kenison, Secretary