

**ATL TRUSTEE MEETING**  
**March 17, 2025**

Attendance: Amy Lapointe, Nancy Baker, Nancy Head, Gretchen Pyles, Steve Mantius, David Hallenbeck, and Toni Dinkel

Attending via zoom: Jim Kuhnert

Also in Attendance: Jim McGinness and Jackie McKnight

Public meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Mrs. Baker.

**Minutes of February 17th Board Meeting:** Mr. Mantius moved to approve the February Library Board of Trustees meeting minutes; Mrs. Head seconded; all were in favor.

**Reorganization of the Board:**

Chair: Nancy Baker

Vice Chair: Nancy Head

Treasurer: Steve Mantius

Secretary: Gretchen Pyles

Mr. Mantius moved to approve the reorganization; Mrs. Head seconded; all were in favor.

**Director's Report:**

- **Statistics:** Statistics reviewed and show some decreases, but circulation is staying stable; door count may have plateaued

- **Programs:** Several virtual and in person programs being offered at diverse times during the day; one-time book discussion groups to be offered to see if that type of group is of interest to patrons; will offer a children's Colonial Day costume exchange; Peeps Show is coming soon

- **Friends of the Library:** Trivia Night to be held on May 7th at LaBelle Winery

- **Town:** New Town Administrator will be Lincoln Daley; he was previously the Town Administrator in Milford

- **Personnel:** Lucienne Foulks has given her notice; her last day will be March 30th; she will be greatly missed but we hope to see her visiting us in the future

- **Proposed Legislation:** Multiple bills pertaining to libraries have been proposed; some could present logistical challenges, but the library will address those challenges if the bills pass

- **IMLS Funds:** President Trump issued an executive order that included the IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) as one service that may be abolished; alternate funding for things like ebooks and interlibrary loans may have to be found, but in Amherst, we are not especially reliant on these funds, so it should not significantly affect services here, but other smaller libraries may be negatively impacted.

**New Gifts:**

- No new gifts.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- The library is operating under budget, but the ending balance may be tight; we have never been over budget; the town decided to join New Hampshire Retirement and we had to create a budget not knowing which retirement options and health insurance options various employees would choose; additionally we have a new custodian and the contract for their services increased from the previous custodian
- Investments flat, no changes at this time

**Old Business:**

- Board building/succession planning; alternates are appointed for 1 year by the Board of Selectmen; James McGinness and Jacqueline McKnight have expressed interest in joining the board as alternates; Nancy Baker will present their names to the Board of Selectmen. A special thanks to Jim Kuhnert who has been a valuable addition to the board as an alternate. Today is his last meeting.

**New Business:**

- A discussion was held regarding artificial intelligence; the library did a display about AI concurrent with a program in the fall which generated minimal interest; an AI program may be of interest in the future; cybersecurity programs have been popular recently; a website called Library 2.0 was also discussed

Mr. Mantius moved to close the meeting at 7:26; Mrs. Dinkel seconded; all were in favor.

The next ATL Trustee meeting is April 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.