

Alice L. Pendleton Library Trustees Meeting * March 19, 2024, 3:15pm

Meeting Opened 3:15: Brook, Ed, Elana, Laura, Melissa, Pete, Susan, and Cressica Brazier

Absent: Tom & John

Minutes from January 9, 2024 meeting: Approved

I. Director's Report:

- Reminder of the Friends program, this Saturday—Irish music and lots of soda bread
- Melissa led discussion of progress made on SLICP (Sustainable Libraries Initiative Certification Program):

The SLI wants to see many photographs for relevant sections for certification.

Melissa outlined what portions of she worked on for certification; Susan addressed what she had worked on, but not yet posted on the website.

Cressica, on the Energy Committee, presented data that she has worked on to help with energy matters for SLI, in particular she presented energy data on the library electricity and heating fuel used. Insulation installed has helped to bring fuel use down 15%; electricity use is still fluctuating, but we plan to change all lighting to LED and put in heat pumps; quotes are in for undertaking these electricity changes.

We briefly touched on some of the many items: how few native plants we have around the library, and the need to get water away from the foundation; suggestions to get rain barrels. On the question of whether the town uses any toxic garden/lawn chemicals, but that the library does not use them.

Pete, per his work on the SB, advised that we factor in all the changes we need and want to do, that what Melissa ask for money for these changes in the next budget, currently in the works.

Ed had asked last week who sees the final presentation of our SLI submission: Melissa looked into it and said that it is up to us who is asked to see it, although it will all be up on the website. Melissa would like to present it to the whole community.

II. Old Business: Nomination and Election of Vice Chair position

Susan volunteered to be Vice Chair, on the understand that if Brooke cannot attend a meeting, another Board member should serve as Secretary for that meeting. Susan, as Vice Chair, was unanimously approved by the Board.

III. New Items for the good of the order:

- The Select Board wants to meet with the faculty every six months for more collaboration/support.
- The Select Board wants to have a policy on how all committee should conduct business, such as when minutes posted minutes posted.
- Brooke asked if we ought to make our meetings available on Zoom, and/or provide other information on Zoom.
- Laura said that the graduation speaker this year is Chris Van Dusen.

Next Trustee's Meeting Date: April 9, 2024, 3:15 pm

Other upcoming meetings: May 14, 2024, 3:15 pm, June 11, 2024, 3:15 pm

Adjournment at 4:19

A reminder of who leads on the SLI sections:

Section A. Melissa to lead.

Section B. Laura to lead. Ed will work on the issue of light pollution.

Section C. -Pete thought Connie Delaney should look at this section.

Section D. Brooke to lead.

Section E. Melissa will work with the Energy Committee, with Toby, Cressica, and Kizzi.

Section F. - Ed will do the water portion.

Section G. - Susan to lead.

Section H. - All to collaborate on this. Ed will lead the non-profit portion.

Section I. - *No takers...yet.*

Section J. - Brooke to lead.

Section K. - Melissa to lead.

Section L. - Brooke and Ed are interested, but ultimately this might be better lead by Melissa and Richard.

Section M. - Final Presentation.

Submitted by Susan West, Secretary

