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April 8th, 2026

A meeting of The Board of Trustees of the Keeseville Free Library was held at the library on this date at 5:00 P. M. and was presided over by Doug Garrand with Romeyn Prescott as Secretary.

Voting members in attendance:

Kelly Frady

Doug Garrand

Nancy Garrand

Lorna Hohn

Kathie LaBombard

Judy McCusker

Romeyn Prescott

Ted Sill

Absent

Erik Zimmerman

Also present:

Robyn Pray – Library Director

Sheila Vanags – Bookkeeper

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Robyn pointed out two typographical errors in the minutes from the last meeting.

- The name “Jesse Furnier” (F-U-R-N-I-E-R) was misspelled. Jesse will be doing only one paint party, not two.
- The name “Molly LaMountain” (La Montagne) was misspelled.

A motion was made by Kathie to accept the minutes with the corrections.

Conclusion: The motion passed, and the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

- Revenues are at approximately 52%, including funds from the town of Ausable.
- Expenses are at about 21% of the budget.
- The organization received an IRS letter stating it is exempt from federal unemployment tax, which it had been paying.
 - Sheila is working to resolve this and plans to seek a refund for the past three years, estimated at around \$100 per year.
- A check to the IRS for \$581 was returned by mail. Robyn re-sent it via two-day express mail for \$33. If an interest penalty is charged, they will contest it.
- A certified letter sent to the IRS was returned as undeliverable. A phone representative provided a new address in Ogden, Utah, where the payment was re-sent. Another late fee is anticipated and will be disputed.
- A dormant TD Bank account from 2003 was discovered containing almost \$5,000, which has been transferred to the operations account.
- **Conclusion:** A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made, seconded, and passed.

Director's Report and Operational Updates

- A new, smaller water heater with a timer has been installed to save energy.
- Jan Downs is repainting the computer table off-white.
- Timber Set is providing two elevator quotes for the Civic Center. Robyn plans to seek funding through CEFLS and New York State Library System grants.
- Rick Lennanbach will perform a temporary repair on beams by the front door using wood putty, so the area can be painted off-white for the hundred-year celebration. The library will cover paint costs while waiting for potential New York Forward money for major reconstruction.

Arts Festival Report

- Promotional yard signs, event signs, and bookmarks have been designed and sent for printing.
- Sponsorships and donations are coming in steadily.
- Housing for visiting artists is being arranged, though finding hosts is challenging.
- All art experiences during the festival will be free. A \$7,500 grant has been submitted to Essex County to cover costs.
- Molly Ward will create the event map. The venue walkthrough at the Old Stone Mill was moved to May.
- A social media plan will be finalized by the end of May, with heavy promotion starting in June.
- Art panels for the festival need to be moved from ADK Action's space to the civic center for temporary storage.

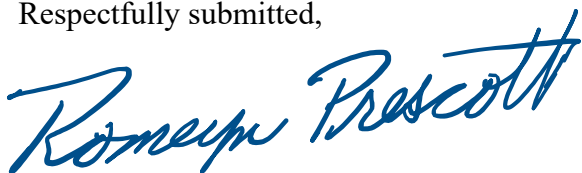
Friends of the Library Update

- The Friends of the Library have received their 501(c)(3) status. Their next meeting is on the 16th.
- They are organizing a book sale, the “Friends of the Library Bookshop,” at the Methodist Church.
- Specific donation days will be established. The library is not currently accepting donations directly, except for brand-new books.

New Business and Unfinished Business

- **Calcutta Event:** All 15 library tickets for the May 30th event were sold quickly. The group will still bring wine. A goal for next year is 200 balls to provide a larger pool for the library.
- **AED Purchase:** Robyn requested to use \$1,200 (1,000 from Peru Lions Club) to purchase an AED. An additional \$1,000 from the library would be needed. It is not legally required but considered a good idea.
- **Book Vendor:** Amazon Business Books is the current vendor due to issues with Ingram. Robyn is seeking a better distribution platform similar to the old Baker & Taylor system for pre-ordering.
- **Grants:** The \$7,500 Adirondack Lakes grant was submitted. There is no update on the New York Forward grant.
- **New Thrift Store:** A new store associated with the “Alice” program is opening in Ausable Forks, with proceeds supporting the local community.
- **Printer Issues & Costs:** A new \$1,000 HP printer is producing poor-quality copies. Romeyn will inspect it for repair or warranty service. The group discussed the high cost of printing and the need to outsource large jobs. Options include CEFLS, the Teacher Center, Studley, and Pennysaver. Kelly’s company will print 50 posters for free.
- **Reducing Paper Usage:** To reduce waste, the group proposed using QR codes, online forms, and on-site digital entry for future events. This year is a learning experience, with a goal to be more eco-friendly.
- **Bathroom Supplies:** Supply levels are good. Nancy Harkey plans to donate a case of toilet paper.

Respectfully submitted,



Romeyn Prescott - Secretary