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Gilford Public Library Board of Trustees  
Minutes of the Jan. 8, 2025 Meeting

Attending: Katherine Dormody, Alexis Jackson, Thom Francoeur, Mike Marshall, Diane Tinkham, Peter Ellis

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Alexis Jackson at 10:00 a.m.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the Dec. meeting were discussed. Thom made a motion to accept them with a minor change, seconded by Peter, and unanimously approved.

**Public Comment**

None

**Reports**

**Circulation**

- Numbers are about the same as Dec. 2024.
- Digital audiobook are very popular and usage had a large increase this year.

**Programs**

- 773 people attended adult programs, 14% increase from 2024.
- The most well attended Children's program was Gingerbread House making with 150 people over 4 sessions. Mrs. Claus Storytime was also very popular.

**Budget**

- We won't be over budget for 2024.

**Volunteers**

- 32 volunteers put in 200.5 hours in December.
- Many library volunteers and Friends helped with the Candlelight Stroll.

**Treasure**

- Investments were down in December but up overall for the year.

**Old Business**

**Friends Update**

- The Friends' membership drive is going well.
- The sponsorship of the exercise classes has brought in many new members.

- Kathy Meierjurgens and Nan Fay were very helpful packing up Christmas decorations.

#### HVAC System

- The Tech Services area has not been working well but a very good technician has been servicing on it.

#### Mechanical Plans/CIP Request

- The Selectmen increased the warrant article for the new heating system to 225K as we had requested. It will be paid for under Surplus Funds.

#### Candlelight Stroll

- A great success!
- Substantial donations on that night and the horse and carriage were very popular.
- The committee meets on Jan. 11 to discuss future Strolls and the need for new people to serve in leadership roles.

#### Budget 2025

- Budget hearing is on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7PM
- Deliberative Session is on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>
- Voting on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business**

#### A. Annual Report

- Katherine is working on the Annual Report for 2024.

#### B. Eagle Scout Project

- Oliver Leandro is planning with Katherine to do a landscaping project for the Library. He will be improving the outdoor reading area at the end of the building.

#### C. Personnel

Diane moved, Mike seconded, all voted in favor and Chair Alexis moved us into Executive Session at 10:42 to discuss personnel issues. At 10:51, Thom moved, and Peter seconded, all voted in favor to move out of Exec. Session and back into regular meeting.

#### D. Volunteer

- A volunteer fell outside in the parking lot with no major injury.

Thom made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Peter seconded, all voted in favor and Chair Alexis adjourned the meeting at 10:58.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 12 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Tinkham  
Secretary, GPL Board of Trustees