

Minutes, 135th ANNUAL MEETING
Rutland Free Library Association
5:15PM Wednesday October 20, 2021 Fox Room

President Sharon Courcelle welcomed all and gave a quick summary of the past crazy year. It began with the Library's announcement of plans to move to the CSJ campus, which didn't pan out. The library continued to run through all kinds of barriers. The staff has been amazing and the board supportive. Collectively we have worked as a team, respecting each other, respecting staff, respecting management. Looking forward to another great year of working together.

Secretary Clare Coppock presented the minutes of the 134th meeting. Randal moved to approve, Anita seconded, and approved unanimously.

Treasurer Barry Cohen summarized the financial report for Fiscal Year 2021. The budget continues to be favorable as Randal manages to the budget. The balance sheet shows asset gains from \$6.2 million to \$7.3 million, with our cash availability of \$215,000 which allows us to pay our bills. This has been a very strong year. Amy moved to accept, Heather seconded and approved unanimously.

Director Randal Smathers report focused on two main points: 1) Covid: library was not closed due to Covid over the entire fiscal year. Mask requirement is back in place with good cooperation. 2) Building: currently there is no heat as both boilers are down. Alliance has come through and hopefully 2 new boilers will be in place next week. The City Board of Finance came through and is paying for them. Though we'd prefer to be moving to CSJ, focus is being made to work needed to remain in place, including boiler/pipe fittings, plaster repairs, lead paint removal, landscape plans, and architectural design to modernize/update the current layout. Future projections for next year include a 20% increase in circulation, an increase to 20% circulation of electronic loans, and increased community use of the library.

New Business:

Stephanie Romeo, Anita Duch, Nancy Wennberg, and Catherine Picon were thanked for their service to the board. Matt Olewnik, Rutland City and Joe Bertelloni, Rutland Town have been nominated to the board. Randal moved to accept, Amy seconded and all approved.

Meeting Adjourned 5:48PM