

Worthen Library

Monthly Meeting – Board of Trustees

April 7, 2026

Attending:

Board members: Kristen Bartle, Natalie Kendrach, Liz Wirsing, Ken Kowalewitz, Gabby Ramseyer

Absent: none

Library Director: Keagan Calkins

Members of the public: None

Call to order @ 6:05pm

Preliminary Business

- **Review payment orders for approval:** Bills are circulating for approval.
- **Agenda adjustments:** None
- **Public Comment:** None
- **Review and accept the minutes from the previous monthly meeting:** GR moved to accept the minutes from March 12, 2026. NK seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Library Director's Report

Vermont Book Awards for 26/27 year have been announced & we have ordered all books we don't already own.

More stacking chairs ordered with summer events in mind.

The Passion Project was a success! All 5 towns were represented in the Islands.

Senator Welch will be visiting the library tomorrow (4/8).

Staff & volunteers have been adding series numbers to spines of mystery novels for ease of selecting the next book in a series.

April is a BUSY month with 9 kids events, 8 adult events, 19 recurring events and 9 private events in the community room.

The Kentucky Derby Fundraising Event is slated for May 2nd 5-7PM.

Old & Ongoing Business

Development Committee report - Worthen Foundation rollout - goal is 30-60 days for the branding change to be made official. This time of year is notoriously slow for charitable giving to the library aside from a recurring \$5,000 gift we receive in January.

Donor list maintenance - circulating for Trustees to review for potential donors who could be giving more. Also looking for residency changes or deceased donors.

Building Maintenance - door on 1st level broke over a weekend and required repair. Carpets to be cleaned sometime in May.

Tent sale - Snow Farm is no longer interested as the tent is too small for their needs. Gabby has offered to put the tent up for sale on Facebook Marketplace as a next step.

New Business:

Trustee Training report - Gabby and Ken attended a virtual meeting from the state Librarian Catherin Delmeo. Gabby was interested to learn about the different types of public libraries, the duties of a trustee, and how there was active discussion about open meeting laws. Ken came away thinking "we've really got our act together" with an overwhelming feeling of confidence with the work that we're already doing here at our Library.

Quarterly Budget review

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6PM. The meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.

- ☐ Ken
- ☐ Natalie
- ☐ Liz
- ☐ Keagan
- ☒ ~~Kristen~~
- ☐ Gabby