

Robinson Trustee Meeting Agenda
Wed. October 19, 2022
DTC Offices 3:30PM

Attending in Person: Kate Miller, Leslie Haslam, William Perkins, Deb Merrill and Gwen English
Attending via ZOOM: Jane McCaffery
Meeting began at 3:35 PM

1. Kate Miller moved to approve minutes of the 9/21/22 meeting with change of date in Treasurer's report to 8/31/22. Motion was seconded by Gwen English.
Kate Miller, Leslie Haslam, William Perkins, Deb Merrill, Gwen English - aye and Jane McCaffery aye via zoom.

2. Treasurer's Report - Debbie

Account Balances as of 9/30/22:

- Checking Account - \$65,030.03 (includes \$10,957.60 withdrawal from investment account + \$13.54 interest)
- Income & Interest YTD - \$63,040.81
- Investment Account - \$2,155,748.19

Discussion not to record Net Gain because it is an institutional fund, is principal and stays as principal so is not relevant to the RTF Trustees.

Gwen English moved to approve the Treasurer's report of 10/19/22. Kate Miller seconded. Kate Miller, Leslie Haslam, William Perkins, Deb Merrill, Gwen English - aye and Jane McCaffery aye via zoom.

3. Scholar Updates

No correspondence with scholars at this time. They are likely very busy with the semester.

4. Application Review

Gwen reported that she has worked on the application and emailed Laura Hebert for any changes in the EHS common application form. Gwen presented new questions about contents: Should we remove the RTF email on the form as a way to submit the application since sealed recommendations need to be included in the submission packet? Discussion led to decisions:

- Take email off the common application form and keep submission through EHS Guidance and PO Box in Newfields, and to include RTF email only "for more information".
- Return to using application checklist and include it in the addendum.
- Need to have a full year with non EHS schools before further changes in the submission process are made.

Further suggestions:

-Need to have a trustee actively checking email during scholarship time.
-Need to sign up for USPS service to have post office send photo of what is in our mailbox.
Gwen will send application with these revisions for trustees to finalize at the November meeting.
She also updated the voucher form as separate pages for each semester.

5. Subcommittee Updates-

- Grant Process

Deb shared two NH Charitable Foundation application forms that included many good ideas. Two forms could be combined as a starting point for RTF Grant Application revision. Needs to include a proposed budget. This work will continue on agenda as there is no plan to have grant applications available this school year. Need to have a subcommittee to draft a new application. Deb and Kate will combine notes on current information and application forms for next steps for committee TBD.

- “Origin Story” Research

Kate shared copies of D. Kruger’s research notes she read at the last meeting. Bill and Leslie met with Barbara Rimkunas, Co-Executive Director of the Exeter Historical Society and received lots of information. They received a copy of “On Ever”, a book about RFS for all trustees to read. Research and discussion with Barbara made clear that WR had slaves and that information that slavery is in the background of his estate is documented and not hidden. This raised new questions about our interest in bringing DEIJ to this information: Who would the audience be for making this better known? Do we have a role as trustees to make this background information regarding WR and slavery more well known? Need to write a one page sketch/synopsis of WR history with this information and review it with Barbara. This document could be used in WRT grant application and town annual report.

Exeter Historical Society January 4, 2023 public presentation by Barbara Rimkunas will be all about RFS.

6. Other

7. Next Meeting Date- Monday, Nov. 21, 2022 at 3:30 pm at DTC.

8. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.