

HMML Minutes 6/20/17

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

In Attendance:

Charlie Goodspeed
Jen Chapman
Elaine Miskinis
Michelle Wheeler
Ben Brown
Michelle Hogan
Lara Croft

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from May Meeting approved and passed

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses are in for curtains. Total will be just over \$3,600. They will allow for the computes to have a bit more shade in the summer; they will keep the upstairs cool. They will be on the bay windows, the office windows and all of the small windows. They are being custom made to fit the dimensions of our windows. That price also includes all of the hardware necessary for installation.

There is a leaking gasket and also a spigot on the side of the building. So, we just need to get a hose. To fix the sink will be around \$100.

The deposit for the new website has been put down and Ben has begun to work on that.

Air conditioner costs will come out of maintenance.

The Friends have donated money for window boxes for the front of the library. They gave us a check for \$500.00. The woman who built the other boxes might be able to build the new window boxes. Charlie will talk to Eva about what it might take to make that happen in terms of the supports being drilled into the building etc. Charlie suggested a wooden box with a metal container in it so that the wood won't rot over time.

Another \$100 came in for the garden. The Old Stage Coach Condo Association made a donation to the library as well. The board accepted the donation and Eva is writing the "Thank You" notes to those who donated.

Director's Report:

The selectmen approved us to rent the space behind the town hall, so the TJ Wheeler Concert will take place after a workshop for kids. This will take place July 23rd. We are all set for electricity and cords etc. We will need a tent for the performer in case of heat, etc. (In case of rain the event will be moved inside)

6/23 the library will be showing the new Beauty and the Beast (free showing).

6/29 8pm the Skywatch presentation and telescope will take place

7/12 presentation on black bears

7/23 TJ Wheeler Concert - The Friends will be there, there will be a book sale, refreshments for sale etc. (The Cinnamon bun woman will be there)

The Summer Reading Program starts on July 5th with several events. The Puppet Show July 6th at 11am and an ice cream party etc.

7/11 2pm Watercolor workshop

7/13 11am child's yoga

7/14 11:15 children's author

7/19 Animal Program

7/26 Fairy House making workshop

7/27 Kids Yoga

8/2 There will also be another Birds of Prey event

8/4 Summer Reading Party with a magic show and ice cream party

Lara asked about the summer reading logs etc. Each child who signs up gets a folder and they fill out a reading log a point for every 5 books or every 50 pages. Then, those points turn into "Book Bucks" where they can buy prizes (books, prizes). The top three readers will also get gift certificates. We have a comic book store gift certificate already donated. Lara asked about an adult summer reading program and it's something for us to think about doing in the future.

This month was way up from last year. We were off Memorial Day and the day we closed for carpet cleaning. Circulation is up by around 400 per month (including Overdrive). Downloads, computer use and printing (we print color, black and white and mass copying. We can also print pictures, and we can scan). Scanning and faxing are free. ILL requests might be down a bit, but it also might be an issue with Ben's math last year. Attendance is up by around 400 from last year. Our Sunday hours are still 12-4 (Sunday hours are at least as busy as Saturdays. Saturday is 10-2). The Brewing in NH lecture was well attended (28 people) and Greg and Jane's did a beer tasting. The art opening for Eunice Miller had 50 people in attendance. Excellent month.

Lara said that overall Seacoast Library circulation is down, but Epping circulation is up. It's probably due to increased programming, renovations to the building etc.

New England Aquarium Passes expire next month and people have only used them on vacations up until now. We'll need to see if more people take them out to justify the cost. The board talked about ways to get the word out about museum passes.

The board talked about the board outside of the library. It faces the road in a way that makes it difficult to read from the street. The board talked about options to update the board.

Lara asked about our outreach to the schools.

Other Business:

Charlie said we haven't heard from anyone regarding fundraising for the library which puts it on us to organize it. We need to start to look at various fundraising events to help to raise money. Ideas were floated such as a golf tournament, maybe doing something with Highnote Festival etc. The idea of talking to other libraries regarding what kinds of fundraisers have worked for them was floated.

6/29 7pm - Fundraising Meeting to discuss fundraising efforts. Post it and invite the Friends.

Motion to adjourn to non-public pursuant to RSA 91---A:3 Paragraph II --A and RSA 91---A:3 Paragraph II--C

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