

HMML Trustees Minutes 11/19/19

In Attendance:

Ben Brown
Michelle Wheeler
Joan Harlow
John Clark
Charlie Goodspeed

Not In Attendance:

Aaron Ravenelle
Joe Trombley

The meeting was called to order at 7:03, and we rose to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. The minutes of the prior meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report: Ben has no figures due to the disruption of the move. He said he would like to spread out the payments to the Church, so it doesn't overload one budget line. He also reported that the Church didn't charge us for a week in November, for which we thank them.

There were no donations this month.

No statistics were tracked this month due to the move, Ben will have pulled together the October stats by the next meeting.

The target date for re-opening is December 6th. The Holiday party has been scheduled for then.

John attended the selectman's meeting, at which he requested a 7.9% increase in the Library's budget. This is line with the rest of the towns departments. There was no negative reaction.

Charlie spoke of the progress of the library expansion. There are just a few odds and ends to be taken care of. Charlie raised concerns of having a policy for use of the community room, now that it is a generous space. He proposed that it be available to any group with academic or informational aims. This would exclude social events such as birthday parties or bridge tournaments. There should be no events that sold tickets at the door. Ben says there is already a policy, but that he will review it.

Charlie says he has spoken to the Rec Department, and they may want to use it, but they will collect any monies for attendance beforehand, and the Library will have no responsibilities. Joe Denoncour will set up a camera which can be used to record events, but it would be operated from the Town Hall. The Library would have no responsibility for this.

It was discussed that the reservation for available rooms should go first to the largest room near the computers with the projector, leaving the two smaller rooms free.

The Brew Fest netted \$4000. Some of this may be spent on the new sign, and the staff will propose further use according to what else they may need for equipment or décor. we also received a \$700 check from the Community Church which they raised for us at their spaghetti supper. Thank You!

Charlie asked for suggestions for the space where the old door was at the parking lot level. Currently it is just boarded in. There must be some creative use for it.

Charlie thanked the staff and the contractors for their outstanding work. He would like to host an open house so that the public can come and see what has been accomplished. There was discussion as to when this might be done, and it was generally agreed that perhaps it might be best to wait until after the Holidays. We could call it New Year-New Library!

John thanked Charlie for spearheading the whole process, and complimented him for getting it done with such a low budget!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30

Respectfully submitted, JSH , secretary