

HMML Trustees Minutes 1/21/20

In Attendance:

Ben Brown
Michelle Wheeler
Joan Harlow
John Clark
Joe Trombley

Not In Attendance:

Aaron Ravenelle

HMML Trustees Meeting, January 21, 2020

Called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

John announced that there are two positions open on the Board of Trustees which will have to be filled this March, and read Charlie's letter of resignation, effective immediately.

Charlie spoke about the addition, and said he felt it was necessary that he resign now and encouraged someone to step forward to run for his position.

John thanked him for all he has done, and encouraged anyone who would be interested in a Trustee position to please sign up. The filing period starts on January 22 and runs until the 31. He spoke of one man who he has approached to do so.

Michelle moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, and it was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report. Ben said that because of all the extra part-time work to get us moved and up and running, we ran over our budget a bit, and we owe the Town \$1,155.00. On the other hand, some other expenses were low because we weren't open a full month.

Ben has contacted M & M Cleaning, the company who has the contract to clean the Safety Complex, and they said they could clean the library once a week, after business hours for \$132.00, or \$6,042 a year. He is eager to start this and keep the new library clean. It was so agreed.

Ben will write up a meeting room policy, as there is lots of activity, and he will have it ready to vote on the next meeting.

It was voted to accept this month's donations of \$5,200, most of which came from a generous donation of the Verplugs.

Since we opened on the 7th, people have seemed very happy. We are almost done. It was decided to purchase a projector for the community room instead of a TV, paid for out of the non-lapsing fund. The balance is about \$17,000, and we still need some furniture. Chris Vallone is making drapes for the Community Room.

Joe says the money left in the bond is about \$7,000, and we voted to release \$4,000 to cover expenses as the "punch list" is chipped away at. The Friends of The Library are selling bricks at \$100 each which will be used to brick up the old back door. The monies should more than cover the personalized inscriptions and the labor of installation.

Ben says they are back in business with only two staff members, but they will need another sub, as they only have one at the moment. He will return to presenting monthly stats in February, but there seem to be lots of new patrons.

The Board voted unanimously to let the state know that we are against a bill that proposed background checks on anyone who would have contact in a program for children at the Library. We deemed it too costly and too time-consuming, as there is always a staff member there, and the proposal is not feasible for a small library. An e mail was sent on behalf of the board's decision.

Joe reported on the expansion. He suggested that Charlie keep coming in on Sundays to chip away at the punch list. The most significant items remaining are outside work that cannot be done until Spring. It is hoped that Dennis can give us a Certificate of Occupancy monthly until the final sign off. The lift has been inspected by the state and has received certification.

Michelle reminded us that there is now a piano in the Community Room. It was donated by the Pimms, and is an old New Hampshire made upright, about 100 years old, and remarkably in tune.

According to RSA 91--A:3 paragraph II, it was voted to move to a non-public session by Roll Call vote, passed by John, Joan, Michelle. We went to non-public session at 8:07.

The Meeting returned to public session at 8:14. A motion to adjourn was made and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15
Respectfully submitted, Joan Harlow, Secretary