

HMML Trustees Minutes Tuesday 10/19/21

Meeting Called to Order: 7:03pm

In Attendance:

Betsy McCombs
Joan Harlow
Michelle Wheeler
John Clark

Not in attendance:

Robin O'Day

Secretary's Report:

Michelle notes that some add
Betsy moves to accept the ammended minutes, Joan seconds, all are in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Discussion of the Selectmen meeting, John had the 1.8% \$635. The Selectmen recommended a difference of \$635 which would be an increase of \$6200 to our budget from last year. We also discussed we could make adjustments to some other line items as a "room to breath" area. It would affect the monthly allocation. For example, electricity, we've used less than half of it.

On the third version of the budget with and increase of 2.8% we took \$1000 out of the electricity. John questions whether the budget committee can pick apart the library budget line by line or whether they will approve it in the whole.

Betsy says she could make another line item for cleaning to show how big the expense is. There was conversation at the Selectmen's meeting about bundling the cleaning service with the town, Ben says our cleaning company was the one that the Fire Department used, the Fire Dept has now changed services and bundled with the town, maybe we want to do the same. Ben says the cleaning takes up most of the maintenance budget right now, it might be a good idea to look into the bundle.

\$6760 for cleaning for the year. The rest of the line item is around \$1000 for the year so making another line item is reasonable.

There is a donation of \$240.50 from the conscience jar. Joan makes a motion to accept \$240.50 in donations, Michelle seconds, all are in favor.

John points out some slight mistakes in the spreadsheet concerning retirement.

Overall expenses of the library are hitting the mark of approximately 75% of the budget.

Michelle brings up that the raises for the library employees is not just for cost of living but also "a raise for compensation" and that therefore the Selectman shouldn't decrease our budget by

\$635 because that wasn't all for cost of living, the Selectmen are trying to maintain a 1.8% cost of living raise across the board.

John ___ says that November 10th is the target date for getting the budget committee our numbers. We can have another meeting to discuss budget before that.

Director/Youth Report

Digital and ILL are way up, meeting rooms are used every day, over 20 new patrons this month. Several programs continue on. The Friends had a fair at the library with a book sale in September. The sign for the front of the library has been finished, it needs to be picked up and installed. The Friends wrote a check for that sign, thank you to them and Summit Sign in Exeter.

TJ Wheeler is giving a concert at the Halloween party. Our first book group meeting post COVID is happening tonight, the Mystery Book Group.

We still need an invoice for the emergency lighting in the bathroom, although we've paid a more recent one. We have gotten our COO.

Library Expansion

John says Charlie is trying to get a professional to lay the bricks for us this year but is having a hard time finding someone. Brick orders have stopped, the brick patio may not get put in until spring.

Motion to adjourn at 7:32 by Joan, seconded by Betsy, unanimously approved.